

Date 21 August 2026
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3440

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 27 July 2026 requesting the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), I am writing to request information regarding the national commercial frameworks and Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) administered by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS)—specifically those covering medical insourcing and independent sector outsourcing—concerning adult therapeutic circumcision.

To ensure absolute clarity and prevent any ambiguity, this request is restricted strictly to adult therapeutic circumcision (medically necessary surgical procedures for adult patients diagnosed with pathological conditions such as severe phimosis, balanitis, or lichen sclerosus). It explicitly excludes paediatric or children's surgery pathways, non-therapeutic/ritual procedures, and unrelated general urology sub-specialties.

1. Framework Coverage and Supplier Registration

Do the national commercial frameworks or Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) administered by Public Services Scotland (such as medical insourcing or independent sector outsourcing vehicles) contain specific categories, lots, or approved supplier listings utilised for adult urological day-case surgery, specifically adult therapeutic circumcision? If so, please state the framework reference codes and the names of any approved suppliers contracted or registered to provide this specific service.

2. Central Record of Board-Level Call-Offs and Expenditure

Through the administration or monitoring of these national framework/DPS vehicles, does Public Services Scotland hold any records, data, or invoices indicating that regional health boards (such as NHS Lothian or NHS Tayside) have procured private outsourcing or external medical insourcing explicitly for adult therapeutic circumcision over the last three financial years (2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26)? If such records are held, please provide the annual expenditure breakdown by health board.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

3. Volume Tracking

What total volume of procedures or patient pathways for adult therapeutic circumcision has been processed, commissioned, or recorded nationally via NSS-administered commercial frameworks over the same three financial years?

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Under the [FOISA Section 17 exemption for "Information not held"](#) Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) does not hold any information specifically relating to insourcing and independent sector outsourcing concerning adult therapeutic circumcision.

PSD Scotland does have both insourcing and outsourcing Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS) however both systems do not include Lots by procedure or therapy area. All call off from the DPS are managed by individual Health Boards at a local level via mini competition. We would not hold locally any data that would identify any adult circumcision activity via the DPS.

We would advise you to contact each individual NHSScotland Health Board using the email addresses listed below, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

NHS Ayrshire & Arran	foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Borders	foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	dg.feedback2@nhs.scot
NHS Fife	fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot
NHS Forth Valley	fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Grampian	gram.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Highland	nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
NHS Lanarkshire	foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
NHS Lothian	loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
NHS Orkney	ORK.FOIrequests@nhs.scot
NHS Shetland	shet.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Tayside	tay.foisa@nhs.scot
NHS Western Isles	wi.infogov-wihb@nhs.scot
NHS Golden Jubilee	FOI@gjnh.scot.nhs.uk

From 1 April 2026, NSS and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form PSD Scotland, enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. More information regarding PSD Scotland can be found at the following URL:

[Public Services Delivery Scotland \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Corporate Governance using the email address psd.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,

