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Date	2 October 2026
Your Ref	FOI-2026-3499
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]
Email psd.foi@nhs.scot

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3499

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 21 September 2026 requesting the following information:

I'd like to request the number of incidents in Scotland between 1 January 2021 and the latest available date where records held by NHS services show that medetomidine was detected through toxicology. This would include emergency department attendances, inpatient admissions and forensic medical examinations, where held.

I would also appreciate figures showing the number of times medetomidine was suspected or detected after someone presented to hospital showing signs of sexual assault or rape.

For each incident, please provide the year and location. If possible, please confirm whether medetomidine was confirmed through toxicology evidence or was suspected.

It is important to note that from 1 April 2026, NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form Public Services Delivery Scotland (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 \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

After a search of our electronic and paper records I can confirm that under [Section 17\(1\) of FOISA for "Information not held"](#) Public Services Delivery (PSD) Scotland does not hold the information that you have requested.

PSD Scotland is not NHSScotland and do not hold records on behalf of the other Health Boards within NHSScotland. PSD Scotland does not perform toxicology or forensic services and do not have emergency departments within our estate.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

In order to obtain the information that you have requested we suggest that you contact each of the NHSScotland Health Boards who provide accident and emergency departments directly using the email addresses listed below as under the terms of FOISA I am 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

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,

