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Date	26 October 2026
Your Ref	FOI-2026-3515
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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3515

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 30 September 2026 requesting the following information:

I am interested in the procurement of digital cytology / cytology imaging solutions carried out by your organisation.

I would be very grateful if you could help me obtain the relevant procurement documents. In particular, I would be interested in the following, where available:

- Tender / procurement documents
- Technical and clinical requirements
- Requirements relating to the intended clinical use
- Sample and slide types covered
- Imaging/scanning requirements
- Requirements for AI or computer-assisted screening
- Workflow and review requirements
- Integration and data-management requirements
- Evaluation criteria, evaluation model and evaluation results
- Award decision
- Contract and relevant appendices
- Information about any options and subsequent call-offs/orders
- Submitted tenders and comparison/evaluation documents, to the extent these can be made available

I am particularly interested in requirements relating to cervical cytology, ThinPrep/liquid-based cytology, non-gyn cytology, primary screening/diagnosis, digital review and validation.

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

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

- Tender / procurement documents

Please find attached Appendices 1-15 which provides all tender/procurement documentation held by Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) in relation to our digital cytology/cytology imaging solutions framework.

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Please refer to Appendix 1 - hr-HPV Procurement managed Service Specification November 2018 for the requested information.

- Workflow and review requirements

Please refer to following Appendices attached for workflow and review requirements:

Appendix 1 - hr-HPV Procurement managed Service Specification November 2018

Appendix 2 - GGC HPV Current lab set up

Appendix 3 - GGC HPV Current lab set up - Screening room

Appendix 4 - NHSL Floorplan (2)

- Integration and data-management requirements

Please refer to Appendix 1 - refer to hr-HPV Procurement managed Service Specification November 2018 and Appendix 5 - CPC-DSID-001 SCCRS HR-HPV HL7 ICD.

- Evaluation criteria, evaluation model and evaluation results

Please refer to Appendix 6 - hr-HPV Evaluation Scoring matrix for the criteria and model of the evaluation.

Evaluation results are as below:

Technical & Quality	Maximum Scores	Abbott	Hologic	Roche
Total Criteria Scores	100.00	86.37	93.93	77.36

- Award decision

Please refer to Appendix 7 - 2019-OJS155-383293 (note: this is in the public domain, having been published on the PCS Portal).

- Contract and relevant appendices

Please refer to Appendix 8 - 2018-11-21 managed Services Agreement (tender version).

- Information about any options and subsequent call-offs/orders

The initial contract was for 5 years, which ran from 30 March 2020 to 29 March 2025. There was the option to extend for up to a further 5 years in which an initial 3-year extension option was taken. The end date of the current contract period is 29 March 2028 however there is a further 2-year extension option available.

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Under the [FOISA Section 33\(1\)\(b\) exemption for “substantial prejudice to commercial interests”](#), PSD Scotland has determined that release of this information would be likely to cause substantial prejudice to the commercial interests of the bidders concerned. The tender submissions contain commercially sensitive information relating to pricing structures, methodologies, technical approaches, staffing models, business processes and other information developed by suppliers to compete in the marketplace.

Disclosure would be likely to:

- Reveal commercially sensitive information that could be used by competitors to gain a commercial advantage in future procurements.
- Undermine the competitive position of the suppliers whose tenders were submitted in confidence as part of the procurement process.
- Discourage suppliers from providing detailed and innovative responses in future procurement exercises where they believe such information may be publicly disclosed.
- Prejudice future procurement and contract negotiations by revealing information that could be used to influence bidding strategies and pricing in subsequent competitions.

Section 33(1)(b) is subject to the public interest test. We recognise the public interest in ensuring openness, transparency and accountability in the expenditure of public funds and in understanding how procurement decisions are made. However, we have concluded that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption. Disclosure would be likely to cause substantial harm to the commercial interests of the suppliers involved and could impair PSD Scotland's ability to obtain the best value through fair and effective competition in future procurement exercises.

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,

