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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3528

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 15 October 2026 requesting the following information:

1. **Contract Register Extract Please provide the most complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent system, as it exists on the date this request is processed or the date of the decision to release the data.**

   We have already reviewed the contract register published on your organisation's website, but we do not believe this represents the complete, unedited contract dataset held by your organisation.

   This request relates to existing recorded information only. I am not asking for new information to be created, nor for missing fields to be populated. In most cases, this will be a straightforward system export (e.g., from a contract management system or spreadsheet).

   Where available, the register should include (but is not limited to) the following fields: Contract Title, Supplier Name, Estimated Spend (annual or total), Contract Duration and Total Term (including extensions), Contract Start and Expiry Dates, Review Date, Contract Description, Contract Owner (role or name, as held in the system), Managing Department, Award Date, Procurement Category, Framework or Tender Reference, Participating Organisations, Central Purchasing Body, and Classification Codes (e.g., CPV).

   Please do not spend time amending, enriching, or redacting fields that are not readily available. I am content to receive the register in its raw exported form, exactly as held.

2. **Website Publication & Data Disparity While we have reviewed the contract register currently published on your website, we require the full raw contracts register from your internal systems. If your response directs me back to the online portal, please confirm that the accessible dataset is fully up to date as of the date this request is processed or the decision to release the data is made.**

Chair Mr Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Professor Karen Reid

3. **Completeness & Redactions Please confirm whether the register provided constitutes the full, unedited dataset. If any information, columns, or specific fields have been removed or withheld from sharing, please simply list the headings of the data columns that are missing from the provided register. If spend values are withheld, please note this request seeks indicative or total contract values only, not detailed financial breakdowns.**

4. **System Capabilities If your organisation uses a specific contract management system, please confirm the name of the software or platform currently in use.**

5. **Format and Delivery Please provide the contract register data electronically in Excel or CSV format. For any accompanying documents, policies, or written responses, PDF format is preferred.**

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, including those previously held by legacy organisations NSS and NES, I can confirm that PSD Scotland holds the information that you have requested and have attached the following MS Excel spreadsheets:

2026-3528 Appendix 1 NES Register_Redacted

2026-3528 Appendix 2 NSS Register_Redacted

As both NES and NSS were 2 distinct organisations prior to joining there are 2 separate registers with contain different information, based on unique operational requirements.

PSD Scotland has redacted information in relation to the following FOISA exemptions:

a) S33(1)(b) Substantial Prejudice to Commercial Interests:

PSD Scotland has redacted certain financial information that is deemed to be commercially sensitive, and release of this information would prejudice substantially the commercial interests of both PSD Scotland and the contracted and prospective supplies of goods and services.

The withheld information contains commercially sensitive information relating to bid amounts, contractual budgets. 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 bids were submitted in confidence as part of the procurement process.

- Discourage suppliers from 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.

For the Section 33(1)(b) exemption to be applied in full, it is subject to the Public Interest Test in deciding whether, on balance, release of the requested information serves the interests of the public better to withhold or disclose information.

PSD Scotland recognises that there is always a strong public interest in public authorities operating in an open, transparent and accountable manner in relation to the expenditure of public funds and in understanding how procurement decisions are made. However, on this occasion PSD Scotland have concluded that the public interest in disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption as 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.

b) S38(1)(b) Third Party Personal Information:

PSD Scotland has redacted the names and direct contact details of non-senior members of internal and external staff as this has been classed as personal information, however the names of senior staff have been released.

This group of individuals have no expectation that their personal information would be disclosed into the public domain. Disclosure of this personal information would contravene Article 5(1)(a) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), where personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subjects.

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,

