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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3541

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 22 October 2026 requesting the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002), please provide the following for airway management products: laryngoscopes and video laryngoscopes, intubation aids, single-use bronchoscopes, endotracheal and tracheostomy tubes, supraglottic airways, airway adjuncts, breathing circuits, and heat and moisture exchangers and filters. All questions refer to the financial year 2025/26.

1. **Your total spend on these products, split between NHS Supply Chain and direct or other purchasing routes.**

2. **Your spend by supplier for your top ten suppliers of these products.**

3. **The brand or system you use as standard for:**
   (a) video laryngoscope;
   (b) supraglottic airway;
   (c) adult tracheostomy tube;
   (d) percutaneous tracheostomy kit.

4. **Whether you use any Portex UniPerc products (NHS Supply Chain Important Customer Notice 3495), and if so, which product you have chosen or are evaluating as a replacement.**

5. **Any contract for these products held outside NHS Supply Chain: supplier, start date, end date and value.**

6. **The group that approves new airway products (for example a clinical product evaluation group). Please give the group's name and the role titles of its members, not personal**

names.

7. **The training and support suppliers currently provide for these products (for example in-service training, competency sign-off, a clinical helpline, or evaluation stock).**

After a search of our paper and electronic records Public Services Delivery (PSD) Scotland holds the following information in relation to your request:

1. **Your total spend on these products, split between NHS Supply Chain and direct or other purchasing routes.**

   Please find attached Appendix 1 – Airways management products, detailing the above requested information. Please note that the spend provided is only via direct purchasing route.

2. **Your spend by supplier for your top ten suppliers of these products.**

   Please find attached Appendix 1 – Airways management products, detailing the above requested information. Please note that the spend provided is only via direct purchasing route.

3. **The brand or system you use as standard for:**
   (a) video laryngoscope;
   (b) supraglottic airway;
   (c) adult tracheostomy tube;
   (d) percutaneous tracheostomy kit.

   Please find attached Appendix 1 – Airways management products, detailing the above requested information.

4. **Whether you use any Portex UniPerc products (NHS Supply Chain Important Customer Notice 3495), and if so, which product you have chosen or are evaluating as a replacement.**

   PSD Scotland can confirm that we currently use Portex UniPerc products; however, we have not identified a direct replacement at this time.

5. **Any contract for these products held outside NHS Supply Chain: supplier, start date, end date and value.**

   PSD Scotland can confirm that the below and attached frameworks are the only ones procured by National Procurement:

   NP178/23 – Airways Products
   NP154/24 – Breathing Circuits
   NP189/23 – Tracheostomy Tubes
   NP103/25 – Flexible Video Endoscopy Consumables

   You may wish to contact each of the individual NHSScotland Health Boards for more information as they could be purchasing products locally out-with the national contracts

PSD Scotland have made available 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
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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

6. **The group that approves new airway products (for example a clinical product evaluation group). Please give the group's name and the role titles of its members, not personal names.**

   PSD Scotland does have a clinical advisory panel for new airway products consisting of an Anaesthetic Charge Nurse, Consultant Anaesthetist x2, Clinical Educator, Consultant Paediatric Anaesthetist, Charge Nurse Anaesthetics, Senior Charge Nurse, Senior Resuscitation Officer, Specialist Charge Nurse ICU/ Critical Care, Clinical Product Specialist, Senior Staff Nurse, Consultant Intensive Care, ENT Nurse Practioner and Consultant Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon.

7. **The training and support suppliers currently provide for these products (for example in-service training, competency sign-off, a clinical helpline, or evaluation stock).**

   All bidders are invited to demonstrate, in detail, how they will provide comprehensive on-going clinical education and support for users for the duration of the Framework.

   I. Competence and expertise of Product support and Training staff. A description of the clinical expertise should be stated.

   II. Number of staff available to provide training to all NHS Scotland Health Boards, including remote and rural health Boards, and details of the number of company representatives responsible for this Contract and the geographical area covered by these company representatives.

   III. Details of commitments to ongoing education & training, including consideration for current and 'new' staff over the full life of the contract, and those staff missed on initial

training sessions.

IV. Details of available media for training purposes

It is the Authorities expectation that each Bidder will make available a clinical product specialist to meet the on-going needs of NHSScotland users and that the nominated person providing training should have been trained and certified by the manufacturer to provide full training to all relevant staff in all user aspects of the products tendered.

For the duration of the Contract the Authority will continuously monitor the performance of the Contractor in relation to the provision of the above support. A Balanced Score Card Approach will be used to monitor and measure Contractor performance in this area.

All suppliers confirmed that if required they can have suitably qualified and experienced training and/or support staff available within 48 hours to all geographical areas in Scotland. Training staff must include a product specialist/registered nurse. Training carried out should be validated and a record of the training provided must be given to each staff member.

All framework suppliers confirmed that following award of the contract the company must contact Health Boards to identify where training and or support is required to support implementation of any product changes required. This should lead to the development of an implementation plan to support these changes which includes details of the level of training required, who will provide it, where and when they will provide it and to which staff members. It must also detail the name and position of the person within the Health Board who has agreed to this training provision.

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,

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