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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000270 Volume of clinical waste shipped and Communications between various companies and NHS NSS

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 28 October 2022. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

- 1. The total volume of clinical/medical waste shipped to England and Europe from Scotland between 2018 up and until today's date.**

Figure 1. Clinical Waste Shipped

Dates	Clinical/medical waste shipped to England/Wales (Tonnes)	Clinical/medical waste shipped to other European countries (excluding Scotland) (Tonnes)
Dec 2018 – Mar 2019	3,904	0
Apr 2019 – Mar 2020	3,388	0
Apr 2020 – Mar 2021	3,754	0
Apr 2021 – Oct 2022	3,616	0



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Chairperson Keith Redpath
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2. The holding location for the above waste between 2018 up to and including 2022.

Waste Holding Locations as follows:

Tradebe – Wrexham, Swindon, Fawley, Redditch and Bellshill

Cliniwaste – Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottinghamshire and Shotts

Veolia – Ellesmere Port, Tyseley

Viridor – Dunbar

Rentokil – Coatbridge

Perfect Hygiene – Forresterhill Waste Transfer Station, NHS Grampian

Denholm MacNamee – Raigmore Waste Transfer Station, NHS Highland

3. All communication details between the companies below with NSS, NHSS and Martin Bell between July 2018 and December 2020 all dates inclusive:

WH Malcolm (Linwood) Ltd.

Cliniwaste

Mitie Waste & Environmental Services Ltd.

J. Mitchell Haulage Ltd.

Section 13 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2022 - Fees for disclosure in certain circumstances - could have been applied to your request however Section (15) of the Freedom of Information Act 2022 - Duty to provide advice and assistance applies. On this basis although the request is very large due to the number of companies involved and the timeframe the information will be released in 2 stages. The first being today with the remaining information being released within a further 20 days from today. Due to the volume of the information requested, the detail will be released in the format of appendices as compressed files in 12 emails relating to each of the companies. In regards to the appendices some of them contain reference to more than one company and on that basis the appendices will only be released in one email relating to one of the companies referenced for example: email includes reference to J Mitchell Haulage and Rentokil it will appear only in the J Mitchell file release it will not appear in the Rentokil file release.

Some of the documentation being released includes personal data of third parties, specifically, names of individuals which have not been released into the public domain on any previous FOIs or literature regarding this topic. Where this is the case, these names and contact details have been redacted in line with exception Section 38 ((1)(b)) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act – Personal information.

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act – Notice that information is not held - an organisation is not required to provide information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold information in relation to communications involving individuals no longer employed by NSS in that, we no longer have access to their individual email accounts – Jim Miller, Director of Procurement Commissioning & Facilities; Martin Street, Strategic Sourcing Director; Peter McConnell, Head of Strategic Sourcing & Commercial.

Under Section 36 (1) - Confidentiality - Information in respect of which a claim to confidentiality of communication could be maintained in legal proceeding is exempt information.

Where this information (invoicing and tonnage data from July 2018 – December 2020) has been withheld it relates to an ongoing legal case and on that basis, there is a greater public interest in withholding the information to ensure fairness in the court proceedings.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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or at the email address nss.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 application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

