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Dear

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000067 – Sight Impairment data

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 17 February 2023.

- 1. Please complete the table below with details of those people aged over 16 registered as sight impaired (partially sighted) or as blind (severely sight impaired) within your Local Authority for the year 2021.**
- 2. How frequently do you review the registration data?**
- 3. When you review the registration data do you cross reference with deaths data? YES/NO**
- 4. Please provide details of how a registration request is managed once received within your Local Authority and provide any policy information.**
- 5. Once an individual is on the Register, what provision does this unlock in your Local Authority; please provide details and any policy documentation.**
- 6. Does the applicant receive a registration card or similar? YES/NO If yes, please provide details.**
- 7. Is the data shared with any other department or organisation? YES/NO If yes, who?**

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation is exempt from providing that information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not have any details of those people aged over 16 registered as sight impaired (partially sighted) or as blind (severely sight impaired) for the year 2021. The process for individuals to register for certification as sight impaired is a voluntary process, and any register is the responsibility of the local



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authorities. The link below provides further information about who the Local Authorities are and how to make a FOI request to them:

[Organisations - mygov.scot](https://mygov.scot/organisations)

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

