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**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000139 – NHS Rainbow Flag badge.**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 25 March 2024.

**I respectfully submit this my formal freedom of information request in order to establish how much money was spent by NHS Scotland in the procurement and purchasing of the NHS rainbow flag badge pictured above. I would like to find out exactly how much was spent on this purchasing initiative, how much each individual badge cost, what budget the monies came from and who authorised the purchase of these badges using public money. I would like to ask for the response in a written format outlining all the points above please.**

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 does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold any information relating to the spend or authorisation of these badges as this was a Scottish Government (SG) initiative. Please see the following link to an SG FOI release with similar questions to the ones you have asked - [NHS Scotland Pride Badge Initiative: FOI release - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/nhs-scotland-pride-badge-initiative-foi-release).

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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Digital and Security  
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or at the email address [nss.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:nss.foi@nhs.scot) within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.



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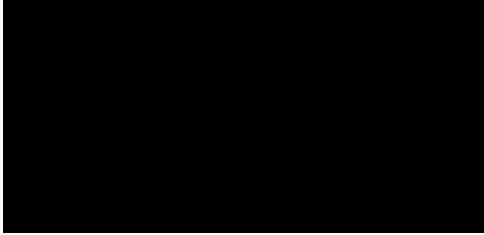
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If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

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

Yours sincerely



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