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**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000415 – Lanyards.**

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 06 December 2024 requesting the following information.

**I am interested to know the cost of supplying single-coloured lanyards to the NHS staff (black or blue with NHS logo) as opposed to multiply coloured option with NHS logo, also how many per financial year are purchased of each? also can you let me know how many staff are employed by Scotland's NHS.**

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

**I am interested to know the cost of supplying single-coloured lanyards to the NHS staff (black or blue with NHS logo) as opposed to multi coloured option with NHS logo.**

The cost of supplying single-coloured lanyards is circa £0.24 per item, whereas the multi coloured lanyards cost circa £0.60 per item.

**How many per financial year are purchased of each?**

Please refer to the below table for total purchases made by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) in each of the last six financial years:

Financial Year	Single Coloured	Multi Coloured
19/20	3100	0
20/21	300	0
21/22	300	0
22/23	500	1500
23/24	0	0
24/25	300	0

Please note that the information provided is for NSS only and not NHSScotland, NSS does not hold information on behalf of the other Health Boards within NHSScotland. You may wish to contact the individual Health Boards for further information. Addresses are as follows:

NHS Ayrshire & Arran [foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@aaaht.scot.nhs.uk)

NHS Borders [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk)



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NHS Dumfries & Galloway	<a href="mailto:dq.feedback2@nhs.scot">dq.feedback2@nhs.scot</a>
NHS Fife	<a href="mailto:fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot">fife.foirequestfife@nhs.scot</a>
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NHS Tayside	<a href="mailto:tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot">tay.informationgovernance@nhs.scot</a>
NHS Western Isles	<a href="mailto:wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot">wi.foi-requests@nhs.scot</a>
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	<a href="mailto:His.foi@nhs.scot">His.foi@nhs.scot</a>
NHS 24	<a href="mailto:FOI@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk">FOI@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk</a>
NHS Education for Scotland	<a href="mailto:nes.foi@nhs.scot">nes.foi@nhs.scot</a>
NHS Golden Jubilee	<a href="mailto:FOI@nwtc.scot.nhs.uk">FOI@nwtc.scot.nhs.uk</a>
Public Health Scotland	<a href="mailto:Phs.foi@phs.scot">Phs.foi@phs.scot</a>
Scottish Ambulance Service	<a href="#">Make a FOI Request</a>
The State Hospital	<a href="mailto:TSH.FOI-Mailbox@nhs.scot">TSH.FOI-Mailbox@nhs.scot</a>

### How many staff are employed by Scotland's NHS.

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NSS is not NHSScotland and therefore does not hold the detail requested, in order to obtain this information we suggest that you contact NHS Education for Scotland (NES) at [nes.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:nes.foi@nhs.scot) as they hold the workforce statistics for NHSScotland.



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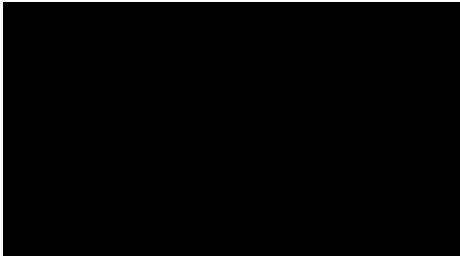
I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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 Associate Director Governance and Board Services (Board Secretary) at the email address [nss.foi@nhs.scot](mailto: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,



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