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Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request Reference: FOI-2025-000026

I refer to your request of 24th January 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) in relation to the following:

1. Could you please provide the contact details for the procurement officer responsible for international recruitment within the trust? For Doctors, Nurses and AHP
2. Outside of Procurement who is the Senior Officer Responsible for International Recruitment For Nurse, Doctors, AHP? and their Contact details?
3. Additionally, what is the budget allocated for international recruitment for the financial year 2025/26 for Nurse, Doctors, AHP? Who is the responsible officer to allocate this budget?
4. Current Vacancies at the trust per Specialty: General Nurse/ Mental Health Nurses/ AHP/ Doctors
5. During the financial year 2023/24, which international recruitment partners did the trust use, if any? Who are they planning to use for 2025/26? Who is the responsible officer who decides this?
6. How many international Doctors/Nurse/AHP did the trust receive in the financial year 2023/24?
7. What was the international recruitment spend Bifurged by Doctors/Nurses/AHP by the trust for the financial year 23/24?

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does hold information in relation to the questions you have asked.

It is important to note that the information below relates solely to NSS as NSS is not NHSScotland, and we do not hold information on behalf of the other Health Boards within NHSScotland. NSS is a Special Board within NHSScotland, and we have no hospitals or GP practices under our control and do not provide clinical or patient services within our Health Board and do not employ the same range of staff as a clinically focussed Health Board. NSS are responsible for supplying essential services to the rest of the NHS in Scotland including legal services, procurement, and blood transfusion



Chair Keith Redpath
Chief Executive Mary Morgan

NHS National Services Scotland is the common name of the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service.

1. Could you please provide the contact details for the procurement officer responsible for international recruitment within the trust? For Doctors, Nurses and AHP

Under Section 17(1) of FOISA for "Information Not Held" NSS does not employ a procurement officer for international recruitment.

2. Outside of Procurement who is the Senior Officer Responsible for International Recruitment For Nurse, Doctors, AHP? and their Contact details?

Under Section 17(1) of FOISA for "Information Not Held" NSS does not have a senior responsible officer for international recruitment. For general enquiries our recruitment team can be contacted via the email address nss.wfrs@nhs.scot

3. Additionally, what is the budget allocated for international recruitment for the financial year 2025/26 for Nurse, Doctors, AHP? Who is the responsible officer to allocate this budget?

NSS does not have a budget for international recruitment.

4. Current Vacancies at the trust per Specialty: General Nurse/ Mental Health Nurses/ AHP/ Doctors

As at 3rd February 2025, NSS are advertising 2 x Charge Nurses, 1 x Medical Director and 1 x National Medical Advisor.

5. During the financial year 2023/24, which international recruitment partners did the trust use, if any? Who are they planning to use for 2025/26? Who is the responsible officer who decides this?

Under Section 17(1) of FOISA for "Information Not Held" NSS do not use any international recruitment partners for international recruitment.

6. How many international Doctors/Nurse/AHP did the trust receive in the financial year 2023/24?

NSS did not employ any new international Doctors, Nurses or Allied Health Professionals.

7. What was the international recruitment spend Bifurgted by Doctors/Nurses/AHP by the trust for the financial year 23/24?

The spend on international recruitment in the financial year for Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health Professionals was £0.00.

In order to obtain international recruitment information in relation to the afore mentioned specialty role within the other Health Boards within NHSScotland we suggest that you contact each of them using the email addresses listed in the table below, as under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

ORGANISATION	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION TEAM
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	foi@aapct.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
NHS Highland	nhsh.foirequestshighland@nhs.scot
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
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	His.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Education for Scotland	nes.foi@nhs.scot
NHS Golden Jubilee	FOI@nwtc.scot.nhs.uk
NHS24	FOI@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk
Public Health Scotland	Phs.foi@phs.scot
The Scottish Ambulance Service	sas.foi@nhs.scot
The State Hospital	TSH.FOI-Mailbox@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 Governance & Board Services using 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 Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely

