

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) 2002

Thank you for your email, dated 4 November where you requested information through the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please find below responses to the questions you raised.

1. Actions Taken in Response to the PPSG Letter

What steps has NHS Dumfries and Galloway taken in response to the requests outlined in the PPSG letter, specifically:

- **Distribution of information about PANS and PANDAS to GP practices.**
- **Circulation of this information to paediatric units.**

NHS Dumfries and Galloway's Chief Executive Julie White can confirm that no PPSG correspondence has been received; therefore, this request is refused under section 17 of FOISA.

2. Recognition of Updated Guidance

Does NHS Dumfries and Galloway recognise that the 2023 PANS PANDAS Steering Group Statement supersedes the 2021 BPNA Consensus Statement?

This information is a request for an opinion and is not information held by the Health Board; therefore, this request is refused under section 17 of FOISA.

3. Clinical pathways and referral options.

The Cabinet Secretary stated that there are multidisciplinary services for PANS and PANDAS currently available in Glasgow and Edinburgh. In the absence of such teams in NHS Dumfries and Galloway, what steps are taken when a patient presents with symptoms which may be indicative of PANS or PANDAS?

As NHS Dumfries and Galloway were unaware of the correspondence this information is a is not held by the Health Board; therefore, this request is refused under section 17 of FOISA.

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Dumfries and Galloway has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within forty working days from 27 November 2025 and should, in the first instance, be in writing to Julie White, Chief Executive, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Ground Floor North, Mountainhall Treatment Centre, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4AP or by e-mail to dg.feedback2@nhs.scot. You must provide your name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and why you want a review.

If our decision is unchanged following review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. Requests for appeal should be made in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610, fax 01334 464611 or email: enquiries@FOI.scot

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Minj.', is positioned above the title. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Freedom of Information Officer