

Our ref: FOI 10270

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Dear Ms Matthewson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NHS Fife:10270.

Thank you for your request made on 04/11/2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A) for PANS/PANDAs.

NHS Fife has completed our search for information held in relation to your request and in this case will be applying an exemption to some of the data.

Exemption: Section 17 – Information not held.

Freedom of Information request/response –

1. Actions Taken in Response to the PPSG Letter

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

Distribution of information about PANS and PANDAS to GP practices –
NHS Fife does not hold information in relation to General Practice.

Circulation of this information to paediatric units
Information was circulated to Paediatric clinicians at the time.

2. Recognition of Updated Guidance

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

NHS Fife recognise that the 2023 PANS PANDAS Steering Group Statement supersedes the 2021 BPNA Consensus Statement.

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 Fife, what steps are taken when a patient presents with symptoms which may be indicative of PANS or PANDAS?

Should a patient present in a way suggestive of PANS/PANDAS, clinicians will consult in a multi-professional/multi-departmental manner including discussion amongst local Acute and Community Paediatrics and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. Advice may also be sought from the tertiary paediatric centres.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If, however, you are unhappy with any aspect of how NHS Fife have dealt with your request you can ask us to review the handling of your request. Please write to us specifying the reasons you are seeking a review within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

NHS Fife will undertake a review of our response, which will be led by a senior staff member who is independent from the original response. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Kind Regards,

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