
Freedom of Information Request : 0009866

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To Gillian Mathewson <gillian.mathewson@PANSPANDAS.scot>

Dear Ms Mathewson,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 0009866

We have dealt with your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. For ease of reference, we have copied your request below:

1. Actions Taken in Response to the PPSG Letter

What steps has NHS Forth Valley 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.

Response : NHS Forth Valley have not received the letter referred to from PPSG. As a result we are required to respond to your request in terms of section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: Information not held.

2. Recognition of Updated Guidance

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

Response : Yes

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

Response : Patients with suspected PANS or PANDAS would be discussed with or referred to tertiary specialities within NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

We hope this is of assistance. If you are unhappy with the way we have dealt with your request, you are entitled to request a review. You have 40 working days upon receipt of this response to ask for a review. You can request a review by email to: fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot or writing to us at:

Information Governance Department, NHS Forth Valley, Carseview House, Castle Business Park, Stirling, FK9 4SW.

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- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you then have the right to ask the Scottish Information Commissioner for advice and assistance or a formal appeal. You must submit an appeal to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving our review response. You can submit an appeal via the Scottish Information Commissioner's website: www.foi.scot/appeal or by writing to: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. You can also contact the Commissioner by telephone: 01334 464610

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further advice or assistance regarding our handling of your request or your review and appeal rights.

Yours sincerely

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