

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP SYSTEMS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to GP systems.

Question:

My request covers the period 1 April 2023 to the date of this request.

Section A – Current System Landscape

1. The total number of GP practices within your Health Board area, broken down by clinical system provider (e.g. EMIS Web, Vision, or other named system).

Answer:

115 practices in total. 98 Vision and 17 EMIS

Question:

Section B – Migration Activity

1. The number of practices that have submitted a request to migrate to an alternative clinical system provider.
2. The number that are in progress or have completed such a migration, including which provider they migrated from and to.
3. The number that had a migration request declined, deferred, or significantly delayed, and the reasons given.

Answer:

1.	0
2.	17 EMIS practice preparing to move to Vision.
3.	0

Question:

Section C – Early-Stage Enquiries (only if such records are held)

1. The number of practices that have made informal or preliminary enquiries to the Health Board about the possibility of migrating to an alternative provider.

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Answer:
Zero

Question:

Section D – Policy and Financial Information

1. Any published policies, criteria, or guidance used by the Health Board (or NHS National Services Scotland on the Health Board’s behalf) when assessing requests to change clinical system provider. A link or reference to existing documentation would suffice.
2. The approximate dates or financial years in which current GP clinical system contracts within your Health Board area are due for renewal.
3. Whether the Health Board has allocated specific budgets for GP clinical system migrations during this period, and if so, the total amount.

Answer:

1.	N/A. There is a single GP system approved for use in NHS Scotland. Policy around this will be available from NHS National Services Scotland.
2.	The contracts for Vision are held by National Service Scotland on behalf of all NHS Boards. As per Section 17 of FOI(S)A we do not hold this information.
3.	No there was no allocated budget for migrations.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner’s Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner’s response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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