

ANNEX Exemptions and Public Interest Test

Section 28(1) – relations within the UK

An exemption under section 28(1) of FOISA (relations within the UK) applies to some of the information requested. This exemption applies because disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially relations between the Scottish Government and the UK Government, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Executive. It is essential for the effective administration of the UK as a whole that there should be regular, and often private, communications between the Scottish Government, the UK Government and the other devolved administrations. The release of these communications about the introduction of The Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 by the UK Government will mean that the UK Government, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Executive are likely to be more reluctant to share such information with the Scottish Government in future, which would reduce both the frequency and openness of communications between the Scottish Government and other UK administrations.

This exemption is subject to the 'public interest test'. Therefore, taking account of all the circumstances of this case, we have considered if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption. We have found that, on balance, the public interest lies in favour of upholding the exemption. We recognise that there is a public interest in disclosing information as part of open, transparent and accountable government, and to inform public debate. However, there is a greater public interest in maintaining good relations between the Scottish Government and the UK Government, Welsh Government and Northern Ireland Executive, and in protecting the free exchange of information between the administrations to ensure that we keep each other fully and regularly informed about matters of mutual interest, such as the introduction of The Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 by the UK Government. There is no public interest in disclosing information when that will damage relationships and disrupt future communications.

Section 30(b)(ii) – free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation

An exemption under section 30(b)(ii) of FOISA (free and frank exchange of views) applies to some of the information requested. This exemption applies because disclosure would, or would be likely to, inhibit substantially the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation. This exemption recognises the need for Ministers and officials to have a private space within which to discuss and explore options before the Scottish Government reaches a settled public view. Disclosing the content of free and frank discussions on the introduction of The Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 by the UK Government will substantially inhibit such discussions in the future, particularly because as this is an Emergency

Prohibition and longer term decisions have not been taken, and discussions relate to a sensitive or controversial issue.

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Section 38(1)(b) – personal data of a third party

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to some of the information requested because it is personal data of a third party, i.e. names/contact details of individuals, and disclosing it would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

**ANNEX
DOCUMENTS FOR RELEASE**

Full FOI Query *In relation to the introduction of The Medicines (Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues) (Emergency Prohibition) (England, Wales and Scotland) Order 2024 by the UK Government.*

- a. *To ask what engagement was made between the Scottish Government and UK Government for the introduction of this legislation including copies of any meeting minutes.*
- b. *If any Scottish Minister or Scottish Government Officials gave approval and if so a copy of this record.*
- c. *If the Scottish Government can advise of any decisions made by the Scottish Government in relation to recommendations of the Cass Report.*
- d. *What stakeholder groups has the Scottish Government engaged with since the publication of the Cass report in relation to gender dysphoria, gender reassignment, treatment, support and the prescription of Gonadotrophin-Releasing Hormone Analogues to under 18's as well as the reason for these meetings?*

The documents below relate to part a. No documents were found that relate to parts b, c or d.

DOCUMENT 1 - *Email between UK Gov, Scottish Gov, Welsh Gov re Puberty Blocker Medicines – arrange meeting*

From: [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @gov.scot>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales >; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @gov.wales>
Cc: [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @dhsc.gov.uk>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @dhsc.gov.uk>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] @dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: Puberty Blocker Medicines

Dear all,

I'm helping to take forward DHSC's legislative proposals to limit prescribing of puberty blockers and am looking to arrange a meeting next week to provide an update.

Given the need to move at pace, I'm afraid I won't be able to offer a choice of dates as we really need to be able to talk to you next week.

I'll send a Teams invite for 2.30pm on Wednesday 22 May and hope that most of you can attend or send a deputy. I'm sorry that we've not been able to offer a choice of dates but will obviously revisit if we are not quorate.

Thanks,

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DOCUMENT 2 - Email between UK Gov, Scot Gov, Welsh Gov re prescribing of GnRH analogues

From: Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2024 2:04 PM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]< [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)] (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <[Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@gov.wales>
Cc: Sacks, Gila <Gila.Sacks@dhsc.gov.uk>; [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]< [Redacted – s.38(1)(b)]@dhsc.gov.uk>; Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good afternoon everyone

With great apologies for interrupting your weekend – as you know we have been considering how to ensure that Cass Report recommendations on prescribing are implemented consistently to ensure patient safety. Redacted s.28(1) Work is proceeding at pace over the weekend to see if this is going to be possible, but if it is then this will impact a range of patients (both those accessing for gender dysphoria and some (EEA patients) accessing for other reasons) as well as a range of health professionals who will need to be informed of the changes.

Can we find a time to speak to discuss over the next day or so – we will need to consider with you whether there is anything further the NHS in Scotland and Wales is able to do to provide support for those impacted.

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Let me know what time might be possible

Thanks so much, Kathryn



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I am emailing at a time that is convenient for me - please don't feel you need to reply until your normal working hours.

(pronounced Kath-rin Gluh-vuhr)

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DOCUMENT 3 - *Email chain between UK Gov, Scot Gov, Welsh Gov re prescribing of GnRH analogues*

From: Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.wales>
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Subject: RE: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

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Morning all

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Kathryn



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DOCUMENT 4 - Email chain between UK Gov, Scot Gov, Welsh Gov re prescribing of GnRH analogues

From: Sacks, Gila <Gila.Sacks@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 9:44 AM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.wales>
Cc: Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@dhsc.gov.uk>; Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Call today? RE: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

Good morning Alison, Andrew, all

With apologies again for interrupting your weekend,
Is there a time today that would suit for a call – keen to talk through where we're up to, given the pace at which things are moving

Many thanks
Gila

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Subject: RE: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

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Many thanks for this Kathryn.

I will look at this in the morning and happy to schedule a catch up.

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DOCUMENT 5 - Email chain between UK Gov, Scot Gov, Welsh Gov re prescribing of GnRH analogues

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Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.wales>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>
Cc: Sacks, Gila <Gila.Sacks@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

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Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 10:53:48 AM
To: Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.wales>
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Subject: RE: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

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Happy to accommodate a call any time after 2pm too.
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Cc: Gila.Sacks@dhsc.gov.uk; Redacted s.38(1)(b)@dhsc.gov.uk;
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Subject: Re: ASAP prescribing of GnRH analogues

I can do a call after 2pm

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DOCUMENT 6 - Email chain between UK Gov, Scot Gov, Welsh Gov, NI Gov re Puberty blockers – CPhOs

From: Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 11:44 AM
To: Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; WEBB, David (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <david.webb1@nhs.net>; Cathy.Harrison <Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Puberty blockers catch up - CPhOs

Hi Andrew,

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To: Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; WEBB, David (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <david.webb1@nhs.net>; Cathy.Harrison <Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>
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Subject: Re: Puberty blockers catch up - CPhOs

Morning Helen,

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The RCGP have been very clear what GP care for gender dysphoria looks like <https://www.rcgp.org.uk/representing-you/policy-areas/transgender-care> and it isn't providing bridging puberty blockers. Redacted s.28(1) .

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Appreciate this is incredibly difficult to find the correct path through.

Andrew

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Morning everyone,

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Many thanks for the discussion on this earlier David and Andrew, and to you David
for setting it out clearly.

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Kindest regards

Alison

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Morning David,

I'd agree with that and any pharmacy would be expected to make reasonable efforts to ascertain the prescription was not a new initiation and the GPhC could reinforce this in guidance

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All best,
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DOCUMENT 7 - Email chain between SG colleagues following discussion between CPhO from England, Scotland, Wales and NI

[Out of Scope]

From: Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 2:06 PM
To: Cathy.Harrison <Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; WEBB, David (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <david.webb1@nhs.net>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>
Cc: Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b) @dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Final versions of the SIs and EMs

NHSE draft comms to patients attached. These may still change.

NHSE are also preparing an operational note to prescribers and pharmacists.

Our press release currently reads as follows:

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From: Harrison, Cathy <Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 1:45 PM
To: Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <Redacted s.38(1)(b) @nhs.net>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>
Cc: Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b) @dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Final versions of the SIs and EMs

Kathryn

Can you share any comms please when agreed?

Thanks

Cathy

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From: Glover, Kathryn <kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Harrison, Cathy

<Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (NHS ENGLAND – X24)
<Redacted s.38(1)(b) @nhs.net>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>
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DOCUMENT 8 - Email chain between SG, UK Gov, Welsh Gov discussing a meeting to be arranged between CPhOs

From: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:19 AM
To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: Puberty Blocker Medicines

Ah, thanks Alison! Just thought I'd throw that in there.

From: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 10:08 AM
To: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: Puberty Blocker Medicines

I raised the NI gap too – Redacted s.30(b)(ii)

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From: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 9:24 AM
To: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@dhsc.gov.uk>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.scot>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>; [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] (HSS - Primary Care & Mental Health) <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@gov.wales>
Cc: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@dhsc.gov.uk>; [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@dhsc.gov.uk>; [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] <[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@dhsc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: OFFICIAL SENSITIVE: Puberty Blocker Medicines

Hi [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)],

Thanks for your email/meeting invite. Speak Wednesday. I note we've colleagues from England/Wales/Scotland. [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@health-ni.gov.uk is the [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] within the NI Executive. [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] also works with NI Health Department's Strategic Planning and Performance colleagues on this policy - [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@health-ni.gov.uk and [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]@health-ni.gov.uk. If you would wish to extend Wednesday's invite to NI colleagues.

Many thanks,

[Redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

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Gender Identity and Healthcare Access | Population Health Strategy & Improvement Division |
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Tel: [Redacted - s.38(1)(b)] or MS Teams

DOCUMENT 9 - *Email chain on comms and support*

From: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 12:13 AM
To: Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>
Cc: Niamh O'Connor <Niamh.O'Connor@gov.scot>; John Nicholson <John.Nicholson@gov.scot>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Hello both,

As noted still subject to change, Redacted s.28(1)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:52 PM
To: WEBB, David (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <david.webb1@nhs.net>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk; Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk; Andrew.Evans@gov.wales
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Subject: RE: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Hi All

We are continuing to revise our patient facing comms. I attach the latest draft- which is still subject to change.

Hope this is helpful for all to see.

Many thanks

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From: WEBB, David (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <david.webb1@nhs.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:29 PM
To: Alison.Strath@gov.scot; kathryn.glover@dhsc.gov.uk; Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk;
Andrew.Evans@gov.wales
Cc: helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk; Redacted s.38(1)(b)@dhsc.gov.uk; Alison.Strath@gov.scot; Redacted
s.38(1)(b) (NHS ENGLAND - X24) <redacted s.38(1)(b)@nhs.net>
Subject: Re: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Evening All,

Apologies for coming to this late, but I think the text below is likely to be subject to
revision. NHSE colleagues from primary care, mental health and specialised
services are meeting tomorrow at 08:30 to discuss further.

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Best,
David

David Webb FRPharmS
Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for England

Sent from Outlook for iOS

From: Alison.Strath@gov.scot <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Thanks Kathryn.

I wonder if we need to spell out clearly the impacts for NHS, UK private and EEA individuals separately and that might help the messaging?

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I will pick up with gender identity colleagues asap.

Kindest regards

Alison

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To: Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Cathy.Harrison <Cathy.Harrison@health-ni.gov.uk>; Andrew Evans <Andrew.Evans@gov.wales>
Cc: Lovell, Helen <helen.lovell@dhsc.gov.uk>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) <Redacted s.38(1)(b)@dhsc.gov.uk>; Alison Strath <Alison.Strath@gov.scot>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (NHS ENGLAND – X24) <redacted s.38(1)(b)@nhs.net>; Redacted s.38(1)(b) (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - X24) <redacted s.38(1)(b)@nhs.net>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Hi Alison

The text below in blue is a direct lift from NHSE's draft comms material. Redacted s.28(1)

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Thanks, Kathryn



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Subject: RE: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Dear Kathryn

Redacted s.30(b)(ii)

One the second point- you can say from an NHS Scotland perspective:

The prescribing of puberty-suppressing hormones and gender affirming hormones for new young people under 18 years of age has been paused since April 2024. Young people who were receiving these medicines on the NHS prior to the pause are not affected by it.

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Alison

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Subject: Urgent: Pt Q&A

Evening all

We're pulling together some comms materials. I just wanted to check whether you wanted any country specific content in the following text:

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Many thanks, Kathryn



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