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Dear [redacted]

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 20 September 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I request the following recorded information concerning the Children and Young People's Neurodevelopment Taskforce (or any successor or renamed group carrying out its functions):

1. The minutes and papers of each meeting of the taskforce since its establishment.
2. Any updates or reports provided by the taskforce to the Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing or to the COSLA Health and Social Care Board.
3. Any documents concerning the continuation, extension, winding-up, or change of remit of the taskforce beyond October 2026, including any consideration of extending its remit to adults.

Response to your request

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In response to question 1 of your request, I enclose a copy of most of the information you have requested as follows:

1	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 - Agenda
1.1	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 – Paper 1 Terms of Reference

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1.2	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 – Paper 2 Political Briefing
1.3	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 – Paper 3 Emerging Practice Sessions
1.4	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 – Paper 4 Stage One Outline
1.5	Taskforce Meeting 1 on 2 October 2025 – Minute
2	Taskforce Meeting 2 on 3 December 2025 - Agenda
2.1	Taskforce Meeting 2 on 3 December 2025 – Paper 2 Family Support
2.2	Taskforce Meeting 2 on 3 December 2025 – Paper 3 Learning and Development Opportunities
2.3	Taskforce Meeting 2 on 3 December 2025 – Minutes
3	Taskforce Meeting 3 on 25 February - Agenda
3.1	Taskforce Meeting 3 on 25 February – Paper 2 Family Support and Funding 2026-27
3.2	Taskforce Meeting 3 on 25 February – Paper 3 Information for Parents of Neurodivergent Children – Summary of Parent Club's new content in development for CYP ND Taskforce
3.3	Taskforce Meeting 3 on 25 February – Minutes
4	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 - Agenda
4.1	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 – Paper 2 Draft High Level System Descriptor on Support for Neurodivergent Children and Young People
4.2	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 – Paper 3 CYP ND Funding Proposal 2026-27 - Supporting Guidance
4.3	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 – Presentation Diagnosis
4.4	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 – Presentation EP Assessment
4.5	Taskforce Meeting 4 on 11 May 2026 – Minutes
5	Taskforce Meeting 5 on 2 September 2026 - Agenda
5.1	Taskforce Meeting 5 on 2 September 2026 – Paper 2 National Staged Intervention Model Overview
5.2	Taskforce Meeting 5 on 2 September 2026 – Paper 3 High Level System Descriptor on Support for Neurodivergent CYP
5.3	Taskforce Meeting 5 on 2 September 2026 – Paper 4 Interim Report Update

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance we are unable to provide some of the information you have requested because the following exemptions of FOISA apply:

Section 27(1) – information intended for future publication
Section 29(1)(a) – formulation or development of government policy
Section 30(b)(ii) – free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation
Section 38(1)(b) – personal information

Further information on the application of these exemptions is enclosed in Annex A.

In response to questions 2 and 3 of your request, we do not hold this information. This is because the Children and Young People's Neurodevelopment Taskforce has not provided updates or reports to Scottish Ministers or COSLA Boards. While updates on progress may be provided to these bodies, it is not the role of the Taskforce itself to produce or submit formal reports to them. Additionally, no consideration has been given to the continuation, extension, winding-up, or change of remit of the taskforce beyond October 2026, including any consideration of extending its remit to adults.

This is a formal notice under Section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Donna Bell,Director for Mental Health, Social Care and National Care Service c/o FOI@gov.scot and c/o this postal address: FOI Unit , 2N.08, St Andrew's House, Regent

Road, EDINBURGH EH1 3DG. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 20 working days from the day following the date we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the Commissioner's website at:
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Yours sincerely

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