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Dear Mr Wyllie

Thank you for your email of 11 January in response to my letter of the same date which sought clarification of the information you were seeking in relation to the Scottish Health Council. You have requested copies of documents preferably in an electronic format relating to:

- the information contained in any correspondence between the Scottish Health Council and the Scottish Government from 31 December 2007; and
- the information contained in any memoranda or reports made since 31 December 2007 about the Scottish Health Council.

I am afraid that it remains unclear what particular information you are seeking and so your request to us is still invalid. As explained in my letter of 11 January, the recent Court of Session judgement - Glasgow City Council and Dundee City Council v Scottish Information Commissioner [2009] CSIH 73 (issued on 30 September 2009) - clarified that the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) gives a right to information, not documents, and that information requests must identify precisely the information sought. A request is not valid if it does not, in accordance with section 8(1)(c) of FOISA, describe the information requested.

You may therefore wish to reconsider and resubmit your request identifying the information being sought for example "information in relation to the recent independent review of the Scottish Health Council".

Yours sincerely



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