## DIRECTORATE FOR COVID PUBLIC HEALTH

**COVID**: COVID Ready Society



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Our Reference: 202200274951

Your Reference: Scotland (the land where smiles are hidden) – dates of face masking medical advice

provided to the Scottish Government

4 May 2022

Dear J Grove,

Thank you for your request of 18 April 2022 for a review of our response to your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for the recorded dates for all memoranda, reports and other communications from the CMO and NCD to the Scottish Government on the effect of mask wearing on the following:

- 1. Child speech and language development
- 2. Mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people
- 3. Children and young people who are deaf or have partial hearing.

I have been asked by Richard Foggo, Director of COVID-19 Public Health, to carry out the review because I was not involved in handling your original request. I will be looking at the case afresh to establish whether the original response should be confirmed, with or without modifications as appropriate, or a fresh decision should be substituted.

We received your review request on 18 April 2022 so I will respond in accordance with FOISA by 17 May 2022.

If you have any queries, please contact me quoting case number 202200295164.

Yours sincerely

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