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Dear Mr Clark,

### **Request for Review under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

I write in response to your email requesting a review under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the following:

*“I am requesting an internal review of the following request: Could I obtain the number of people who were diagnosed with chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia and the number of deaths due to chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia in 2008?”*

This request was received outside the 40 day time limit for review, however, NHS Forth Valley is happy to provide a response to your enquiry.

I have reviewed your request and can confirm the following, while it is the case that the exemption for excessive costs be can be applied here.

I find that this information is reasonably obtainable from elsewhere and apply the exemption under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act – otherwise accessible.

This information is available on a Scotland wide basis via Scottish Morbidity Records which are held by ISD Scotland and may be requested directly via the Freedom of Information Officer – Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9EB. However, to assist I have provided the information as follows:-

Diagnoses are recorded using the International Classification of Diseases (ICD10). Neutropenia belongs to the classification D70, this grouping includes drug induced but this grouping does not uniquely identify chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia.

1. Total number admitted with diagnosis code D70 = 13
2. Total number of patients admitted who died with diagnosis code D70 = less than 3

*(Source of information SMR01 data set)*

### **D70 - Agranulocytosis to include:**

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- Agranulocytic angina
  - Infantile genetic agranulocytosis
  - Kostmann's disease
  - Neutropenia:
    - NOS
    - congenital
    - cyclic
    - drug-induced
    - periodic
    - splenic (primary)
    - toxic
  - Neutropenic splenomegaly

Information on deaths from chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia is available on a Scotland wide from the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) they compile information on deaths. The website for GROS is [www.gro-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk) which may be of assistance to you.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further assistance.

If you are unhappy with the results of this review you can make an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner at the following address :-

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Yours sincerely

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