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Dear Mr Reid

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

"I refer to your e-mail dated 11 November 2021, requesting:

Can you supply the following information -

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2018

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2019

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2020

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2021 (year to date)"

I can now respond as follows:

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2018

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2019

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2020

Number of Patients diagnosed with pericarditis in the year - 2021 (year to date)

With regards to all of the above questions, please see the table below:

Description	Main - Secondary	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Jan-Aug)
Acute Pericarditis	Main	30	48	48	30
	Secondary	26	30	37	27

Other Diseases Of Pericardium	Main	22	33	18	19
	Secondary	68	48	56	35

Please note the data above is for actual admissions rather than the number of patients diagnosed. Information relating to the number of diagnosed patients is not centrally held in NHS Grampian and would be held as free text in records. To provide this would be a manual process; s.12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

Furthermore outpatient referrals are not made for this condition, this would follow after the initial outpatient appointment, and therefore diagnosis numbers are not held; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Grampian has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within 40 working days and should, in the first instance, be in writing to: Directorate of Corporate Communications, Foresterhill House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZB or by email to gram.foi@nhs.scot

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611.

If you remain dissatisfied following an appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner your recourse is to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely



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