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Dear Mr Caswell

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 12 April 2022, requesting:

"I'd like to please request the following information with regards to the pulmonary rehab services your patients have access to.

- 1) Who commissions the Pulmonary Rehab services your patients have access to and who provides these services?*
- 2) When did the services first commence?*
- 3) How many patients have been referred to the service in the last 12 months and 24 months of data held?*
- 4) Of these being referred how many have actually attended the service in these same time periods?*
- 5) How long does the average patient stay within the services?*
- 6) What is the current waiting list size for the service?*
- 7) What is the current remaining contract durations for these services?*
- 8) Has the CCG ever commissioned Digital Respiratory Services?*
If so were these for Pulmonary Rehab?
If so who were the providers?

If so how many patients have utilised this digital element?"

I can now respond as follows:

1) Who commissions the Pulmonary Rehab services your patients have access to and who provides these services?

NHS Scotland does not operate Commissioning Services which is only applicable in NHS England.

The Physiotherapy service in NHS Grampian attached to each of the 3 respective Health and Social Care Partnerships provide the PR service to the patients who are referred in.

2) When did the services first commence?

Aberdeenshire - this service first commenced in 2010 with various pilots prior to this.

Moray – 2012

Aberdeen City - 2010/2011- Prior to this it was an NHS Grampian service ran by ARI.

3) How many patients have been referred to the service in the last 12 months and 24 months of data held?

Aberdeenshire - 1/4/20 - 31/3/21 = 231 referrals

1/4/21 - 31/3/22 = 150 referrals

Moray - April 2020 - April 2021 - 58 referrals

April 2021 - April 2022 = 203 total 261

Aberdeen City - 1/1/22-27/4/22 – 186 referrals

1/1/21-31/12/21- 644 referrals

1/1/20-31/12/20 – 425 referrals

4) Of these being referred how many have actually attended the service in these same time periods?

Aberdeenshire - 1/4/20 - 31/3/21 = 92

1/4/21 - 31/3/22 = 62

Moray - April 2020 - April 2021 = 30 April 2021 April 2022 - 102 total 132

Aberdeen City - 1/1/22-27/4/22 – 22 patients had PR input

1/1/21-31/12/21 - 124 patients had PR input

1/1/20-31/12/20 – 80 patients had PR input

5) How long does the average patient stay within the services?

Aberdeenshire - Patients stay in the service for 8-10 weeks on average as they have a pre assessment, then 6 weeks of twice weekly classes and then a post assessment.

Moray - 6-12 weeks.

Aberdeen City - 6-8 weeks duration of input to complete programme from initial assessment.

6) What is the current waiting list size for the service?

Aberdeenshire - Current waiting list is 149 patients

Moray – Current waiting list 54 patients

Aberdeen City – Current waiting list 141 patients.

7) What is the current remaining contract durations for these services?

Not Applicable as part of the core service design.

8) Has the CCG ever commissioned Digital Respiratory Services?

We do not have commissioning in NHS Scotland.

Aberdeenshire – Had some virtual classes during Covid 19 pandemic.

Moray - Developed a virtual online PR option during initial stage of the Covid 19 Pandemic - this is being suspended currently as face to face classes are trialled as a test of change.

Aberdeen City - Virtual PR classes were developed and introduced due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

If so were these for Pulmonary Rehab?

Yes for all.

If so who were the providers?

Not applicable as service carried out by NHS Grampian staff.

If so how many patients have utilised this digital element?

Approximately 100 patients across the three service areas.

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.

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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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