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Stephen Leighton

Date: 27/03/2020
Your Ref:
Our Ref: FOI Req 4894

Enquiries to: Information Governance Manager
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Dear Sirs,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 5 March 2020 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 I am looking for copies of the contracts in place for advocacy services over the last 5 years.

I am also looking for the criteria used to determine which advocacy service that you've selected.

I am looking for any information on how you advertise for advocacy services, and any accompanying information about how a service can bid for a contract for advocacy.

A1 We have a long standing arrangement for advocacy services with Western Isles Advocacy. Western Isles Advocacy is locally based and provides personal advocacy across the islands. We do not currently advertise for advocacy services as we activate single supplier waiver as Western Isles Advocacy is the only appropriate service on the island to provide the level of service NHS Western Isles require.

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St

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Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Information Governance Manager

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