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Dear Mr Fernandez

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail of 7 June 2019, requesting:

*“How many anti-depressants have been prescribed within this specific NHS Board in 2018/2017/2016?
If you could break these down by year that would be ideal.”*

I can now respond as follows:

How many anti-depressants have been prescribed within this specific NHS Board in 2018/2017/2016?

If you could break these down by year, that would be ideal.

In relation to the above please see the table below.

| Disp Calendar Year | Paid Items | No. of Defined Daily Doses | Dispensed Quantity |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 2016 | 547,130 | 23,298,652 | 27,481,674 |
| 2017 | 571,794 | 24,695,482 | 28,777,501 |
| 2018 | 601,952 | 26,177,151 | 30,297,733 |

Please be advised that that antidepressant figures are publicly available at the link below. This information is updated each October with the previous financial year.

<https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Prescribing-and-Medicines/Community-Dispensing/Mental-Health/>

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 grampian@nhs.net

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bains', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Roohi Bains
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