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Dear Mr Kinnaird

**Freedom of Information Act Request Ref 5391
Cardiac Pacemakers and Devices**

With reference to your request for information dated November 25th 2017 regarding the above, please find below your questions and our responses:-

Question 1: Can you provide the insertion numbers for basic bradycardia pacemakers (i.e. single and dual chamber pacemakers) at your centre?

Time Period: Can you provide this data for the years 2011 to 2017. Can you provide this for the individual years. (where you have recorded this data) •If this data is not recorded over a calendar year (eg. Jan-Dec 2011) but instead over a fiscal or training year can you still provide this.

Pacemakers

2011: 141
2012: 163
2013: 187
2014: 187
2015: 184
2016: 236
2017: 172 to 29th November

Question 2: Can you provide the insertion numbers for implantable cardiac defibrillator (ICD) devices at your centre?

Time Period: Can you provide this data for the years 2011 to 2017. Can you provide this for the individual years. (if you have record of this data) •If this data is not recorded over a calendar year (eg. Jan-Dec 2011) but instead over a fiscal or training year can you still provide this.

ICDs

2011: 22
2012: 19
2013: 34
2014: 19
2015: 24
2016: 28
2017: 20 to 29th November



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Question 3: Can you provide the insertion numbers for cardiac resynchronisation therapy devices (CRT) at your centre?

Time Period: Can you provide this data for the years 2011 to 2017. Can you provide this for the individual years. (if you any record of this data)?

- **If this data is not recorded over a calendar year (eg. Jan-Dec 2011) but instead over a fiscal or training year can you still provide this.**

2011: 0

2012: 0

2013: 0

2014: 0

2015: 0

2016: 26

2017: 20 to 29th November

Question 4: Can you provide the overall complication rate for implantation of these devices?

- **Complication rate for simple bradycardia pacemaker devices**
- **Complication rate for ICD device implantations**
- **Complication rate for CRT device implantations**

Time Period: Can you provide this data for the years 2011 to 2017. Can you provide this for the individual years (if you have any record of this data)?

- **If this data is not recorded over a calendar year (eg. Jan-Dec 2011) but instead over a fiscal or training year can you still provide this.**

We do not have a record of complication rates for implantable devices.

Question 6: Do you regularly undertake clinical governance meetings regarding cardiac pacemaker devices? If the answer is yes:

- **How frequently?**
- **Since which year?**

Time Period: Can you provide this data for the years since 2011.

This meeting is scheduled on a monthly basis for 1-1.5 hrs. These meetings started in 2013.

I hope this information is helpful. If you are unhappy with my response, I am very happy to discuss this with you further. Alternatively you have the right to ask for an internal review by making a formal request in writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, NHS Highland, Assynt House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW or via email at High-UHB.FOIRequestsHighland@nhs.net. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within forty working days of receiving this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following the investigation of your review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of the date of receiving the review response. Contact details are as follows:

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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of

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