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Dear Ms Sollezzi

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 31 July 2024, requesting:

Are parents aware of the fact that an unqualified person is operating on their children? Are they giving informed consent?

In all circumstances where PAs are deployed by NHS Grampian, is informed consent obtained?

I can now respond as follows:

**Are parents aware of the fact that an unqualified person is operating on their children? Are they giving informed consent?
In all circumstances where PAs are deployed by NHS Grampian, is informed consent obtained?**

Physicians Associates do not replace Doctors and are not being deployed in doctor's roles. Physician Associates (PAs) work within the scope of their own professional policies which are available externally of NHS Grampian and can be found here:

<https://www.fparcp.co.uk/>

NHS Grampian has developed a suite of PA guidance documentation for Individuals, Educational Supervisors and Services that is presently under continued review in line with standard governance processes. Please see attached

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. Should you be unhappy with the outcome of that review 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

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

Roohi Bains
Information Governance Manager & Deputy DPO
NHS Grampian