

## Information Governance

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Dear Mr Caswell

### Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 31 March 2023, requesting:

*"I would be grateful if you could please answer these questions relating to the usage of Dabrafenib + Trametinib in cancer treatment.*

*A) Over the previous 6 months, how many patients for the following diseases have been treated with a combination of Dabrafenib + Trametinib:*

- i) Metastatic Melanoma*
- ii) Adjuvant Melanoma*
- iii) BRAF mutated Lung Cancer"*

I can now respond as follows:

Please note that due to the small numbers below these have been represented by <5 as to provide the exact figure may identify individual patients; s.38(1)(b) of the Act refers – Personal information of at third party.

Please also note that in respect of melanoma and lung, we are unable to differentiate the BRAF mutation status, and we are unable to tell if a treatment is adjuvant or metastatic on our system; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

**I would be grateful if you could please answer these questions relating to the usage of Dabrafenib + Trametinib in cancer treatment.**

**A) Over the previous 6 months, how many patients for the following diseases have been treated with a combination of Dabrafenib + Trametinib:**

**Melanoma - <5**  
**NSCLC - <5**

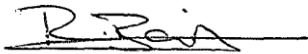
Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Grampian has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request. Should you be unhappy with the outcome of that review you have a right to appeal to the Scottish 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](mailto:gram.foi@nhs.scot)

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://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 underneath.

**Roohi Bains**  
**Information Governance Manager & Deputy DPO**  
**NHS Grampian**