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Dear Mr Winter

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail 20 February 2020, requesting:

“For 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 what was the expenditure on primary care and secondary care prescribing?”

For both primary care and secondary care, how much of this expenditure was on statin and other lipid-lowering medication and on diabetes-related medication?

Could you please give a breakdown of expenditure on the specific diabetes-related medications involved? eg insulin, metformin etc.”

I can now respond as follows:

For 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 what was the expenditure on primary care and secondary care prescribing?

For both primary care and secondary care, how much of this expenditure was on statin and other lipid-lowering medication and on diabetes-related medication?

Could you please give a breakdown of expenditure on the specific diabetes-related medications involved? eg insulin, metformin etc.

Please see below the figures from our annual accounts;

	2018/19	2017/18
	£	£
Drugs Primary Care	50,063,541	50,088,914

Drugs Secondary Care	33,502,189	32,409,646
Total	83,565,730	82,498,560

Please be advised that prescribing data is available by GP Practice, NHS Board, by month as open data available at the link below; s.25 of the Act refers – Information otherwise publicly available.

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/prescriptions-in-the-community>

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.

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



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