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Dear Mr Fryer

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail 3 February 2020 requesting:

“How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?”

How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferrinject?

What was the average weight of these patients?

How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?”

I can now respond as follows:

How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

Between 01/02/19 - 31/01/20, Haematology have booked in 72 patients for IV iron.

How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferrinject?

NHS Grampian can advise only Ferrinject was given to the above patients.

What was the average weight of these patients?

Please be advised that NHS Grampian does not hold a central record of the average weight of patients and this information is only held within the medical record which would take an excessive amount of time and resources to collate; s.12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

The majority of patients will receive 1g doses and some may return for a second dose a few weeks later if required. NHS Grampian does not hold a central record of the numbers of patients requiring a second dose and this information is only held within the medical record which would take an excessive amount of time and resources to collate; s.12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

We do not have specific "iron clinics" - iron is given alongside chemotherapy, blood transfusion etc. in the out day unit. Patients need chair time up to 3/4 hour. Nursing time would be similar. Day unit doctor would take 5 minutes to prescribe.

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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