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David Tait

Date: 23/08/2023  
Your Ref:  
Our Ref: FOI 2023-519

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Dear Sirs,

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 21st August 2023 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 The number of patients in a time period who had a diagnosis of long covid?

From 2020-2023 separated by month and year.

A1 **2020 – 0, 2021 – 5\*, 2022 – 2\*, 2023 – 0**

**Due to the small numbers, we are unable to break this information down by month as this may become potentially identifiable.**

**\* From 01/01/23, ICD10 code “U07.41 Post Covid Condition – Long Covid” was implemented for recording cases of Long Covid. Prior to this time, the only code available was U07.4 Post Covid Condition which may include but not be limited to Long Covid. We are therefore unable to say for sure if patient numbers prior to 2023 are accurate and solely relating to Long Covid.**

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal).

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If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Carol Macdonald  
Information Governance Manager

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