

Date 5 March 2021
Our Ref 2021-000403
Enquiries to phs.foi@phs.scot

Dear Lucy Thompson,

Freedom of Information Reference: 2021-000403

Thank you for your request of 10th February 2021 which asked:

“What training requirements will a potential practitioner have to endure before they are considered qualified and capable of providing Nipple or areola tattoos for patients who have lost their Nipple or Areola Complex(NAC).

What is the individual cost to the NHS per unilateral nipple Tattoo.

What is the individual cost to the NHS per bilateral nipple Tattoos.

How many nipple tattoos were performed in total in 2019 and in 2020.”

Following a search of our records I write to advise you that Public Health Scotland does not hold the information you requested. This is a formal notice that Section 17(1) – (Information Not Held) is applied to your request, under the Freedom of Information Scotland Act (2002).

Further Information

Public Health Scotland does not hold information at the granularity of data required in parts 2 and 3 of your request, however this level of detail on bilateral and unilateral nipple tattoos may be available from the individual NHS Boards in Scotland. A list of NHS Boards can be found at: <https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/>

Public Health Scotland provides an Information Request Service. This service can be contacted via: <https://publichealthscotland.scot/contact-us/information-requests/>

Please contact the Information Request Service if you would like to discuss what may be possible to scope out new information and new bespoke analyses.

For information I include a link to the Regulator’s website. Scottish Information Commissioner’s website: <https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/YourRights>

We hope this is useful to you, however if you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to request a review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this correspondence, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. The review will be undertaken by a reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-
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making process.

The reviewer can be contacted as follows:

The FOI Reviewer
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If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

Yours sincerely,



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