

By Email

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Dear Mr Bridgeford

Request for Review of Decision under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your email dated 5 November 2018, requesting a review of your Freedom of Information (FOI) request, which was passed to me for consideration.

I acknowledge that NHS Grampian breached the statutory timescale for responding to your original FOI request and therefore uphold your review request. Unfortunately, it appears that our processes failed on this occasion and I am sorry for the delay in responding which led to your review request. This was as a result of the time taken to receive information from the service and then crucial staff, who would have been able to advise if accurate data was held, being on leave.

I am now in a position to answer the question raised in your original request as follows:

Please advise me of the number of hours anaesthetists worked as Pain Consultants in each Quarter of 2016, 2017 and 2018

Please note that NHS Grampian does not hold accurate data on the information requested. Section 17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

However, we can provide some summary data on hours worked based on the number of consultant job planned clinical sessions for pain over a 48 week period – 12 weeks per quarter and 4 hours per clinical session:

2016 Q1	672
2016 Q2	672
2016 Q3	672
2016 Q4	672
2017 Q1	654
2017 Q2	654
2017 Q3	1014
2017 Q4	942
2018 Q1	942
2018 Q2	1086

If you remain dissatisfied with this notice provided under Section 21(5) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, please note that you may apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months of receiving this letter for a decision as to whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of the Act.

Requests for appeal can be made by using the online service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal or by contacting:

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Should you wish to make such an approach and are dissatisfied with the Commissioner's decision, you may appeal on a point of law to the Court of Session, in terms of Section 56 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I have copied this response to the Acting Information Governance Manager for information.

Yours sincerely



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cc Acting Information Governance Manager