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Date 29/09/2018
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Dear Ms Duff,

**Freedom of Information Act Request Ref 5998
Caithness**

With reference to your request for information dated August 17th 2018 regarding the above, please find below your questions and our responses:-

Can I please have the number of women from Caithness who have given birth in Raigmore spontaneously without being induced for the years 2015 and 2016.

We are unable to provide this information as the data before 2017 is not centrally collated. To retrieve this information would require manually checking various files in order to collect this information which would exceed the cost of compliance.

Under the Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, we must formally decline to provide the information you request due to the excessive cost of compliance. Section 12 of the Act means Scottish public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the £600 ceiling prescribed in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers.

I hope this information is helpful. If you are unhappy with my response, I am very happy to discuss this with you further. Alternatively you have the right to ask for an internal review by making a formal request in writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, NHS Highland, Assynt House, Beechwood Park, Inverness, IV2 3BW or via email at High-UHB.FOIRRequestsHighland@nhs.net. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within forty working days of receiving this letter.

If you remain dissatisfied following the investigation of your review, then you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of the date of receiving the review response. Contact details are as follows:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
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Headquarters: Assynt House, Beechwood Park, INVERNESS IV2 3BW

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Telephone: 01334 464610
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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of

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