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Dear Mr Harris

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail 27 May 2020, requesting:

“Please could you inform me

The number of patients within the NHS Grampian region receiving ongoing treatment for Pernicious Anaemia and other non dietary related vitamin B12 deficiencies. This may be either through number of patients registered as having the condition or number of patients regularly prescribed methylcobalmin injections on a 12 week or less cycle, as of the start of March 2020.

Could you also inform me how many of these patients have had the essential injections refused and replaced with b12 supplements in tablet form as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.”

I can now respond as follows:

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AND,

Could you also inform me how many of these patients have had the essential injections refused and replaced with b12 supplements in tablet form as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

In relation to all of the above please be advised that NHS Grampian does not hold this information; s.17 of the Act refers – Information not held.

Testing for B12 deficiency is carried out by GP's and they institute therapy without the input of secondary care. This information may be available from individual GP practices.


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.itspubliknowledge.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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bains', with a horizontal line underneath.

Roohi Bains
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