

## Information Governance

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Dear Ms Dakin,

### **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

I refer to your e-mail 3 October 2018, requesting:

*"I am writing to ask for information concerning the application of your policy known as NHS Grampian Policy And Staff Guidance On Patient And Informal Carer Administration Of Subcutaneous Medication By Intermittent Injection - Adult Palliative Care*

*The county in which I live is looking at the implementing a policy like this but there is some resistance on the grounds of patient safety. The specific information I am seeking is:*

- 1. How many patients in the last 24 months have had their Just in Case / anticipatory medication administered under the policy ie by informal carers, in your area?*
- 2. During the last 24 month period how many safeguarding alerts have there been in relation to patients where this policy is being used.*
- 3. During the last 24 months has any patient been taken off the policy because of concerns about the carers ability to safely give sub-cut injections for just in case / anticipatory medication?*
- 4. During the last 24 months have there been any Adverse Events recorded in relation to the use of this policy?"*

I can now respond as follows:

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Please be advised that this policy has not been implemented in Aberdeenshire or Moray. The information given below only relates to Aberdeen City.

**How many patients in the last 24 months have had their Just in Case / anticipatory medication administered under the policy ie by informal carers, in your area?**

NHS Grampian can advise that there were <5 patients who had their Just in Case/ anticipatory medicine administered by informal carers. Please be advised the number has been presented as <5 as, due to the small number of patients concerned, providing the exact figure could identify those concerned; s.38(1)(b) of the Act refers – Personal information relating to a third party.

Please note that in each instance the informal carer had a nursing/ medical background.

**During the last 24 month period how many safeguarding alerts have there been in relation to patients where this policy is being used.**

There have been no safeguarding alerts in relation to patients where this policy is being used.

**During the last 24 months has any patient been taken off the policy because of concerns about the carers ability to safely give sub-cut injections for just in case / anticipatory medication?**

No patient has been taken off the policy because of concerns about the carers ability to safely give sub-cut injections.

**During the last 24 months have there been any Adverse Events recorded in relation to the use of this policy?**

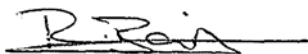
No Adverse Events have been recorded in relation to the use of this policy.

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](mailto:grampian@nhs.net)

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.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.

Yours sincerely

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

**Roohi Bains**  
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