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Dear Dr Coull

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND REGULATIONS 2004)

Thank you for your request received on 10 September 2018 for the provision of the following information:-

Please could you describe the provision of phlebotomy services by your Board?

In addition to District Nurses employed by the Health Board, please describe:

- 1. Are phlebotomy services provided by phlebotomists employed by the Health Board?*
- 2. Are phlebotomy services provided directly by GP practices by phlebotomists employed by them and, if so, how are GPs remunerated for this?*
- 3. How are blood samples transported from the point of collection to the laboratory for processing?*
- 4. Do any phlebotomy services provided by your Health Board post blood samples to the laboratory for processing?*

We are treating your request under our procedures for responding to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I note that this response has been issued outwith the statutory timescales set out in the Act, and I apologise for this delay.

The information that we are able to provide in response to your request is given below.

Please could you describe the provision of phlebotomy services by your Board?

In addition to District Nurses employed by the Health Board, please describe:

1. Are phlebotomy services provided by phlebotomists employed by the Health Board?

Yes. The table below shows the number of Phlebotomists employed by the Health Board, by headcount and whole time equivalent (WTE).

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Agenda for Change Pay Band	Headcount	WTE
2	55	25.91
3	24	16.52
4	3	2.93
7	1	1.00
Total	83	46.36

In addition, Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) employ some community phlebotomists directly in treatment rooms and this is being expanded as part of the new GP contract arrangements.

2. Are phlebotomy services provided directly by GP practices by phlebotomists employed by them and, if so, how are GPs remunerated for this?

Practices make their own arrangements for phlebotomy – this may be done for example by Health Care Support Workers or Practice Nurses employed within the practice. GP practices are funded for the provision of General Medical Services based on a national formula – there is no separately identified remuneration for a specific service or role such as phlebotomy.

3. How are blood samples transported from the point of collection to the laboratory for processing?

Blood samples are transported by the hospital transport and portering service.

4. Do any phlebotomy services provided by your Health Board post blood samples to the laboratory for processing?

Please see our response to (3) above.

I hope that this is helpful. If you are not satisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to request a review of this decision within 40 working days of receiving this response. The attached note describes our review procedure. Your request for review must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If you wish us to carry out a review, please complete the form enclosed and return it to the Head of Corporate Governance and Administration, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, Corporate HQ, JB Russell House, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, 1055 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0XH or by email to foi@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

If following a review you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to ask for advice, assistance or to make a formal appeal in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If following appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you have a right of appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law against the decision of the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Should you require any clarification about this letter or the right to request a review please contact me at the details at the top of the first page of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Alison Flynn

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Freedom of Information Manager

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