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Dear Mr Taylor,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 12 November 2014, requesting:

"Please can you provide the following information as totals for the last financial year (2013-14)

- 1) Continuing healthcare spend
- 2) Spend on temporary Bank staff
- 3) Agency spend"

I can now respond as follows:

Please can you provide the following information as totals for the last financial year (2013-14)

Continuing healthcare spend

NHS Grampian can advise that patients receiving continuing healthcare now known as 'hospital based complex care' will have a variety of needs, as such they incur a variety of costs and so each individual patients' care needs would need to be identified and individually costed. This would exceed the statutory cost limit; s.12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

Spend on temporary Bank staff

NHS Grampian can advise that in the last financial year, the total spend on bank staff was £20.624 million.

Agency spend

NHS Grampian can advise that in the last financial year, the total spend on bank staff was £6.791 million.

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, Ashgrove House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZN or by email to grampian@nhs.net

Requests for appeal should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS

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Yours sincerely

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