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Dear Mr George

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 1 March 2021, requesting:

"I'd like to know the status of the discussions with Aberdeenshire Council in respect of Woodhill House and what acquisition is taking place (if any) such as a lease or sale.

All emails, correspondence and minutes of meetings between Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian should be provided on this matter."

I can now respond as follows:

I'd like to know the status of the discussions with Aberdeenshire Council in respect of Woodhill House and what acquisition is taking place (if any) such as a lease or sale.

Following a pause caused by the impact of Covid-19, NHS Grampian are now engaging again in discussion to explore options regarding Woodhill House. No acquisition is currently underway.

All emails, correspondence and minutes of meetings between Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian should be provided on this matter.

There have been semi-regular meetings but no minutes have been taken. In relation to any other documentation, NHS Grampian is unable to disclose this information as it would prejudice substantially the commercial interests of NHS Grampian; s.33(1)(b) of the Act refers – Commercial interests and the economy – disclosure would prejudice substantially commercial interests. NHS Grampian has considered the public interest test in applying this exemption.

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 gram.foi@nhs.scot

Requests for appeal can be made by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's online service at 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.

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 drawn underneath it.

Roohi Bains
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