Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
I refer to your e-mail dated 9th May 2012, requesting:

“Can you please tell me how many doctors carry out extra work and specify what that is – whether work for a private company or as a consultant for a medical/drugs company. Can you tell me how many hours the extra job is and how many they work for the board. Could you also give the payscale that the individual is on for their principal job with the board.

Also - can you please tell me how many consultants carry out extra work and specify what that is – whether work for a private company or as a consultant for a medical/drugs company. Can you tell me how many hours the extra job is and how many they work for the board. Could you also give the payscale that the individual is on for their principal job with the board.

Could you also please tell me what rules the health board has which govern doctors and consultants taking on extra work.”

I can now respond as follows:

How many doctors carry out extra work and specify what that is – whether work for a private company or as a consultant for a medical/drugs company.
NHS Grampian does not routinely collect this information; s17 of the Act refers – Information not held. Any external work would be recorded in an individual doctor’s job plan. To collate information from this source would cost in excess of the limit set out under s12 of the Act – Excessive cost of compliance. This is to do with ensuring all doctors embody the values and principles of medical professionalism enshrined in Good Medical Practice.


As part of this, there is a sub-section of the job planning process which outlines some of the rules of taking on extra work above and beyond the working time regulations.

How many hours the extra job is and how many they work for the board. Could you also give the payscale that the individual is on for their principal job with the board.
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**How many consultants carry out extra work and specify what that is – whether work for a private company or as a consultant for a medical/drugs company.**

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**How many hours the extra job is and how many they work for the board. Could you also give the payscale that the individual is on for their principal job with the board.**

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**What rules the health board has which govern doctors and consultants taking on extra work.**

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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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