Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
I refer to your e-mail dated 17th January 2014, requesting:

“1. What is the full complement of whole time equivalent (WTE) consultant neurologists posts within your NHS Board?
2. How many WTE consultant neurologists are currently employed within your NHS Board?
3. How many WTE consultant neurologist posts are currently vacant in your NHS Board?
4. How many WTE consultant neurologist posts are currently filled by locums in your NHS Board?
5. Does your NHS Board buy in the services of consultant neurologists from another NHS Board?
6. If yes, (a) from which NHS Board (b) how many WTE posts does it buy in?
7. Does your NHS Board provide the services of consultant neurologists to another Board?
8. If yes, (a) to which Board(s) (b) how many WTE posts does it provide to each Board?
9. Does your NHS Board buy in the services of consultant neurologists from a private provider?
10. If yes (a) from which provider(s) (b) how many WTE posts does it buy in?”

I can now respond as follows:

What is the full complement of whole time equivalent (WTE) consultant neurologists posts within your NHS Board?
There are 5.5WTE consultant neurologists posts within NHS Grampian.

How many WTE consultant neurologists are currently employed within your NHS Board?
There are 5.5 WTE consultant neurologists currently employed by NHS Grampian.
How many WTE consultant neurologist posts are currently vacant in your NHS Board?
There are currently no consultant neurologist posts vacant within NHS Grampian.

How many WTE consultant neurologist posts are currently filled by locums in your NHS Board?
There are no WTE consultant neurologist posts currently filled by locums within NHS Grampian.

Does your NHS Board buy in the services of consultant neurologists from another NHS Board?
No, NHS Grampian does not buy in the services of consultant neurologists from another NHS Board.

If yes, (a) from which NHS Board (b) how many WTE posts does it buy in?
Not applicable.

Does your NHS Board provide the services of consultant neurologists to another Board?
Yes, NHS Grampian provides the services of consultant neurologists to another Board.

If yes, (a) to which Board(s) (b) how many WTE posts does it provide to each Board?
NHS Shetland, NHS Orkney and out of hours service to NHS Highland

NHS Grampian delivers nine annual general Tele-Neurology clinics to NHS Orkney and four to NHS Shetland. NHS Grampian also does six Tele-neurology Multiple Sclerosis clinics to which both Orkney and Shetland can link in. Patients with first seizures from the Islands are usually seen as day cases in Aberdeen where they can have imaging, an EEG and assessment on the same day. Some patients from Orkney and Shetland are seen in Aberdeen clinics, particularly if the problem is urgent - or transferred to Ward 205 for in-patient assessment. NHS Grampian aims to provide an equitable service for all of our patients as well as maximising convenience and keeping costs to a minimum for patients from the Islands.

Does your NHS Board buy in the services of consultant neurologists from a private provider?
No, NHS Grampian does not buy in the services of consultant neurologists from a private provider.

If yes (a) from which provider(s) (b) how many WTE posts does it buy in?
Not applicable.

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
Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611
E-mail: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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