Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 4th February 2014, requesting:

“I am writing to ask if you are able to tell me how much NHS Grampian spends on Home Oxygen Therapy. The following information is publicly available for English NHS organisations and I would therefore like to request the same data for Local Health Boards in Scotland. Could you please provide:

· The rate of expenditure on home oxygen therapy per patient diagnosed with COPD
Please can this data be provided at NHS Board (or practice) level and for the most recent year available.
If this data is not available ‘per patient’, please can you provide the total spend by NHS Grampian.”

I can now respond as follows:

The rate of expenditure on home oxygen therapy per patient diagnosed with COPD Please can this data be provided at NHS Board (or practice) level and for the most recent year available.
If this data is not available ‘per patient’, please can you provide the total spend by NHS Grampian.
In 2011/12 it was £903k
In 2012/13 it was £875K
In 2013/14 it is predicted to be circa £870k

Please note the reduction in expenditure has been achieved through a fundamental national re-design of the Home Oxygen Service undertaken and implemented between 2011 and 2013.
This has resulted in significant improvements in the management and treatment of appropriate patients and a more efficient and responsive service.

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

Chris Morrice
Information Governance Manager
NHS Grampian