Dear [Redacted],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
I refer to your e-mail dated 11th February 2014, requesting:

1. How many GP practices are there in your region?
2. How many of these are ‘single-handed’ practices (practices with a single partner)?
3. How many of those partners cited in question 2 are aged 55 and above?
4. How many patients are covered by the patient lists in the practices cited in question 2?
5. How many single-handed practitioners have retired in your region since April 2013, and what happened to their patient lists?”

I can now respond as follows:

How many GP practices are there in your region?
There are 80 GP practices within NHS Grampian geographical region.

How many of these are ‘single-handed’ practices (practices with a single partner)?
Of these, 6 are single-handed practices.

How many of those partners cited in question 2 are aged 55 and above?
Of those partners as cited in question 2, 5 are aged 55 and above.

How many patients are covered by the patient lists in the practices cited in question 2?
4437 patients are covered by the patient lists in the practices cited in question 2.

How many single-handed practitioners have retired in your region since April 2013, and what happened to their patient lists?
There have been no single-handed practitioners that have retired within NHS Grampian since April 2013.
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

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