Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 1st May 2014, requesting:

“Context
Aberdeenshire Council’s current local development plan identifies a need for developer contributions to be made towards the cost of the provision of new health centres in Peterhead and in Balmedie. In addition, a site for a new community hospital and a new health centre have to be provided on a large mixed used local plan allocation in Peterhead.

Requested information
What financial provisions in the current capital expenditure programme have the Board of NHS Grampian committed for the site acquisitions for the proposed health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead and for the site acquisition for the new community hospital at Peterhead and in what financial year(s) are the expenditures on the site acquisitions currently planned?

What financial provisions in the current capital expenditure programme have the Board of NHS Grampian committed for the construction of the proposed health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead and for the new community hospital in Peterhead and in what financial year(s) are the expenditures on the construction of the new health centres at Balmedie and Peterhead and for the new community hospital at Peterhead currently planned?

What are the current estimates of the total delivery costs of the proposed health centres at Balmedie and Peterhead and the new community hospital at Peterhead?

Within the Board of NHS Grampian's budget assessment for the three aforementioned developments what allowance has been made for the financial contributions from developers of local development plan housing allocations within the catchment areas of the proposed health centres and community hospitals?
If none of these projects has a current expenditure commitment in the Board's capital expenditure programme when is it envisaged that the projects will enter into the Board's capital expenditure programme?”
I can now respond as follows:

What financial provisions in the current capital expenditure programme have the Board of NHS Grampian committed for the site acquisitions for the proposed health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead and for the site acquisition for the new community hospital at Peterhead and in what financial year(s) are the expenditures on the site acquisitions currently planned?
What financial provisions in the current capital expenditure programme have the Board of NHS Grampian committed for the construction of the proposed health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead and for the new community hospital in Peterhead and in what financial year(s) are the expenditures on the construction of the new health centres at Balmedie and Peterhead and for the new community hospital at Peterhead currently planned?
What are the current estimates of the total delivery costs of the proposed health centres at Balmedie and Peterhead and the new community hospital at Peterhead?
Within the Board of NHS Grampian’s budget assessment for the three aforementioned developments what allowance has been made for the financial contributions from developers of local development plan housing allocations within the catchment areas of the proposed health centres and community hospitals?
If none of these projects has a current expenditure commitment in the Board’s capital expenditure programme when is it envisaged that the projects will enter into the Board’s capital expenditure programme?

NHS Grampian has no financial provisions in the current capital expenditure programme for the construction of the new health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead or a new community hospital in Peterhead, nor have we made any estimates for the total delivery costs. NHS Grampian is however in regular contact with Aberdeenshire Council with regard to the impact of planned additional housing in the Local Development Plan (LDP) and in this context there are a number of sites identified within the LDP as having potential for Health premises development. One of these sites is identified within Balmedie.

Our expectation is that any new or expanded health premises required as a consequence of new housing development would be funded from Developers’ Contributions. Financial contributions from developers will be pursued as development plans are taken forward.

NHS Grampian has no agreed timescale for new health centres in Balmedie and Peterhead or a new community hospital in Peterhead. Detailed plans for future premises expansion will be prioritised according to health need and developed in line with the availability of funding, including availability of Developers’ Contributions, as part of the local planning process. The Board reviews its capital and asset management plan on an annual basis as part of its commitment to looking at future health need.

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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