Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated [date], requesting:

“I would be grateful if under the freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002 you could provide the number of people presented at A&E at hospitals in your health board area due to assault for the following financial years a) 2008/9 b) 2009/10 c) 2010/11 d) 2011/12 e) 2012/13 f) 2013/14.

If it is possible and is within the cost limit I would also be grateful if you could provide the number of people admitted to hospital for assault for these financial years and how many were admitted through A&E.”

I can now respond as follows:

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Please find below data on the number of presentations to the Emergency Department by financial years since 2008 where the presenting condition was noted as assault. Please note that the figures provided below will significantly underestimate the number of assault presentations as these patients could also be recorded under the specific injury they experienced (i.e. head injury etc).

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NHS Grampian can advise that this information is not held an easily retrievable format and to provide this would exceed the prescribed cost limit as set out in the Act as a manual search of all patient records who presented to the Emergency Department would be required to identify if they were then admitted to the hospital; s.12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

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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