Dear [Name],

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 18 October 2015, requesting:

“This is a Freedom of Information request regarding alcohol brief interventions.

1. Can you tell me please how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in GP surgeries in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11.
2. Can you tell me how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in emergency departments in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11.
3. Can you tell me how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in maternity wards in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11.
4. Can you please provide a breakdown of the ages and genders of those given ABIs – including the exact ages of any children under 18 and the rest in 10 year age brackets, eg 20-29 years old, 30-39 etc.
5. Can you please provide a breakdown of the types of conditions patients came in with, before receiving an ABI from the NHS.
6. Can you also provide the criteria the health board uses before deciding whether to give someone an ANI during an appointment.”

I can now respond as follows:

Can you tell me please how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in GP surgeries in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11. AND
Can you tell me how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in maternity wards in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11. AND
Can you tell me how many alcohol brief interventions (ABIs) have been made in emergency departments in each of the following years – 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13, 2011-12 and 2010-11.
Please see table below in relation to the above questions. Please note there have been no alcohol brief interventions carried out within the Emergency Department in each financial years from 2010/11 to 2014/15.

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Can you please provide a breakdown of the types of conditions patients came in with, before receiving an ABI from the NHS.
NHS Grampian can advise that we are unable to provide information in relation to the above questions as this information is not held in an easily retrievable format and as such retrieving this information would exceed the cost limit prescribed in the Act’s 12 of the Act refers – Excessive cost of compliance.

Can you also provide the criteria the health board uses before deciding whether to give someone an ABI during an appointment.
Please see attached FAST Screening tool used by NHS Grampian in relation to alcohol brief interventions. This information has been sourced from Health Scotland, please see link below:


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, Foresterhill House, Foresterhill, Aberdeen, AB25 2ZB 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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