Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

I refer to your e-mail dated 18th July 2012, requesting:

“Please answer the following for the Trusts within your cluster;
1. If your organisation provides a Musculoskeletal Community Assessment Triage [MCAT] service, please indicate the location of these services [eg name of local Hospital Trust or other treatment centre]
2. If you provide a MCAT service, how many extended scope practitioners do you have within the service, please name where possible
3. Do primary care GP practices have direct access to MRI scanners?
4. How many physiotherapists are employed by your organisation – please state by their work location?
5. If you commission physiotherapy to an AQP or other body, please state their name”

I can now respond as follows:

If your organisation provides a Musculoskeletal Community Assessment Triage [MCAT] service, please indicate the location of these services [eg name of local Hospital Trust or other treatment centre]
NHS Grampian does not operate a Musculoskeletal Community Assessment Triage service.
We have recently introduced Musculoskeletal (MSK) Hubs in three community locations across Grampian. These are primary care clinics staffed by Advanced Practitioners in Physiotherapy who assess and manage patients referred for a specialist opinion by GPs or physiotherapists

If you provide a MCAT service, how many extended scope practitioners do you have within the service, please name where possible
See above. Our Musculoskeletal Community Hubs have input on a sessional basis from 5 Advanced Practitioner Physiotherapists (headcount).

Do primary care GP practices have direct access to MRI scanners.
Yes, GPs have direct access to MRI for Musculoskeletal.
How many physiotherapists are employed by your organisation – please state by their work location.

There are two types of Physiotherapists employed by NHS Grampian, the definitions are:

Registered - Health Professional Council registered with relevant Physiotherapy qualifications
Non registered - Physiotherapy Health Care Support Workers

Royal Cornhill Hospital - 8 registered; 6 non registered – includes community based staff working in mental health and learning disability teams;
Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital - 18 registered; 4 non registered – includes staff working in community child development teams;
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary - 67 registered; 8 non registered;
Woodend Hospital - 24 registered; 8 non registered;
Aberdeen Community Health Partnership - 46 registered; 5 non registered;
Aberdeenshire Community Health Partnership - 56 registered; 14 non registered;
Moray Community Health and Social Care Partnership - 29 registered; 11 non registered – includes staff working in Dr Gray’s Hospital.

If you commission physiotherapy to an AQP or other body, please state their name.
NHS Grampian does not commission physiotherapy to an AQP or other body.

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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