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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ROMA AND SHOWMEN/SHOWWOMEN

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Roma and Showmen/Showwomen patients

Question:

- I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:
The total number of Roma (Ethnicity category: White British Other 1M) admitted to hospital between 2016 and 2022 inclusive with:
 - Ulcerative colitis
 - The number with ulcerative colitis who underwent a panproctocolectomy
 - Crohn's disease
 - The number with Crohn's disease who underwent a hemicolectomy

The total number of Showmen/showwomen (Ethnicity category: White British Other 1N) admitted to hospital between 2016 and 2022 inclusive with:

- Ulcerative colitis
- The number with ulcerative colitis who underwent a panproctocolectomy
- Crohn's disease
- The number with Crohn's disease who underwent a hemicolectomy

Answer:

I am advised that we do not record Roma or Showman/women within our systems so this information is not held in a centrally extractable format.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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