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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NAPPY RASH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to nappy rash.

Question:

- How many babies have been admitted to hospital for nappy rash in the last 12 months? Please provide the monthly breakdown.
- How many babies have been admitted to hospital for nappy rash in the last 60 months? Please provide the monthly breakdown.

Answer:

I am advised that no baby would be admitted to the Neonatal Unit with nappy rash and figures are not available in a centrally extractable format for other areas. 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.

Question:

- How many babies have been treated for infections stemming from nappy rash in the last 12 months? Please provide the monthly breakdown.
- How many babies have been treated for infections stemming from nappy rash in the last 60 months? Please provide the monthly breakdown.

Answer:

I am advised that this information is not recorded 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.

Question:

- What is the standard proscribed treatment for nappy rash within the health board?
- Does the health board provide reusable nappies as part of its treatment of nappy rash cases?

Answer:

The standard treatment for nappy rash is published on the East Region Formulary website available here -

[Formulary | East Region Formulary \(nhs.scot\)](#)

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible.

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

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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