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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – KIDNEY DISEASE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to chronic kidney disease.

I am advised that the SRR only collects data for people with CKD who are in receipt of Kidney Replacement Therapy (KRT), or who are known to renal medicine and chose not to have KRT.

Many people with CKD are cared for by primary care and never referred/ seen by renal medicine, these data used to be available under the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) but it no longer captures any data about CKD.

Question:

1. Is there any data on the prevalence and burden of chronic kidney disease available from your health board?

Answer:

Yes, this is available via the Scottish Renal Registry and pertains to people who have been referred to renal medicine services and have CKD stage 5.

We do not have routinely available data regarding the prevalence and burden of chronic kidney disease at other stages (to my knowledge -could check with colleagues as above).

CKD is also coded in the GP record and can be identified through our primary care datasets, however this is not centrally available at this time.

Question:

2. If so, how is it collected and what data is available?

Answer:

Data are collected from the renal unit electronic patient record and are available via the SRR website: [The Scottish Renal Registry](#)



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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