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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CANCER PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cancer prescribing.

Question:

1. **Oncology Services**

Please confirm the number of patients treated for cancer by patient type for the calendar year (2024).

Answer:

Number of Oncology patients (Calendar year 2024)	Patients
Total	5,365 unique patients
NHS Funded	5,365 unique patients
Privately Funded	0

Question:

2. **Patients treated with immuno-oncology products**

Please provide the total number of patients who have been treated with an Immuno-oncology product latest calendar year (2024) by patient type.

Answer:

Number of Oncology patients treated with an Immuno-oncology product (Calendar year 2024)	Patients
Total	1,401
NHS Funded	1,401
Privately Funded	0

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Question:

3. Prescribing of specific Immuno-oncology products.

For the latest calendar year (2024), please provide the number of patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology products:

Answer:

Number of Oncology patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology product (Calendar year 2024)	Patients: Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)	Patients: Nivolumab (Opdivo)	Patients: Nivolumab / Relatlimab (Opdualag)
Total	347	111	0
NHS Funded	347	111	0
Privately funded	0	0	0

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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