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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Paediatric Audiology.

Question:

1. How many patients and/or parents of patients of LPA did you write to in relation to the findings and recommendations in The Audit.
2. Into which cohort, scale and treatment category (as described above) those patients and/or parents fell.
3. Whether you only wrote to patients and/or families whose records were reviewed as part of the The Audit.
4. What, if any, exercise you undertook to extrapolate from the Audit how many patients of the 22,900 treated between 2009 and 2018 by LPA fell into each cohort, scale, and treatment category.
5. Accordingly, what consideration, if any, was given to your obligation under the Duty of Candour in respect of all 22,900 patients and/or their parents treated between 2009 and 2018.
6. The extent to which you considered and took a decision upon which patients and/or parents of patients you were required to write to in terms of the cohorts, scale, and treatment category; and the patients whose records were reviewed and those patients whose records were not reviewed by The Audit.
7. How many patients and/or the parents whose records were not reviewed as part of the Audit to whom did you write.

Relating to the Extended Cohort Audit

- In addition to the patients/parents contacted in light of The Audit (and covered above by questions 1-7 above) how many patients and/or parents of patients of LPA did you write to in relation to the findings and recommendations in The Extended Cohort Audit.
- What, if any, exercise you undertook to extrapolate from the Audit and The Extended Cohort Audit how many patients treated by LPA may have been affected by sub-optimal treatment.
- Accordingly, what consideration, if any, was given to your obligation under the

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Answer:

I am advised that all available information to answer your request has been provided previously and is available from our website:-

<https://org.nhsllothian.scot/foi/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2024/08/8811.pdf>

<https://org.nhsllothian.scot/foi/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2023/10/7818.pdf>

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 publicly available 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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