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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

I write in response to your request for information in relation to repair to an abdominal aortic aneurysm

Question:

- The numbers of patients who underwent surgery to repair an abdominal aortic aneurysm at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in years 2022, 2023, 2024. Can I extend the same request to include years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Answer:

Number of Elective Infra-renal AAA Repairs RIE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Open IR AAA Repair	29	17	20	16	19	20
Endovascular IR AAA Repair	15	6	21	21	27	23
Total	44	23	41	37	46	43

Question:

- Of that yearly patient cohort how many experienced a spinal cord injury as a result of their surgery.

Answer:

Zero.

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

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102 West Port
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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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