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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW – ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

I write in response to your request for review of NHS Lothian's response to your Freedom of Information request about spinal cord injury. Having discussed your request and our response further with the Service, I can respond as follows:

Original Request and Response:

Question:

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

Answer:

Zero.

Question:

- The number of patients who were left with a spinal cord injury following both the open and endovascular procedures. For the purposes of clarification (as I am not sure what your coding definition of spinal cord injury includes - which may well lead to a further FOI request further down the road unless that question can be answered as part of this exchange?) when I say spinal cord injury I mean that to include - as a very minimum - paraplegia and spinal stroke.

Answer:

Zero

Review Request:

- Can I ask that this decision be formally reviewed please, given that I know the information on the number of patients who were left with a spinal cord injury following both the open and endovascular procedures is wrong.

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**Review Response:**

I am advised by the Service that the response to your question remains the same. There were zero spinal cord injuries in relation to the requested procedure.

If you are not satisfied with this response you still have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner who you can contact at the address below or using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/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.

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Yours sincerely

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