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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – OPERATIONS PERFORMED

I write in response to your request for information in relation to operations performed.

Question:

1. The total number of operations performed by Dr Gohil in the last 12 months.

Answer:

171

Question:

2. The job title and role of Dr Gohil at your hospital and health board.

Answer:

Mr Gohil, Consultant ENT Surgeon, to lead a team that sees and operates on patients both electively and as emergency with overall responsibility for all patients under his care.

Question:

3. A list of previous hospitals or practices where Dr Gohil has been employed as a surgeon (if this information is held).

Answer:

A consultant post with NHS Lothian.

Question:

4. The number of complaints or investigations made against Dr Gohil in the last 5 years, and the outcomes of those (without disclosing any patient-identifiable details).

Answer:

There have been five or fewer complaints with none being taken forward.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in this response. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the

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information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

5. The number of operations performed by Dr Gohil that were classified as unsuccessful or complications in the last 5 years (without identifying individual cases or patients).

Answer:

We are not aware of any operations classified as unsuccessful.

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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