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Dear

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I write in response to your request for information in relation to cardiac procedures.

Question:

1. Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories (Cath labs) and their utilisation
 - a. What is the number of cath labs currently in operation within your organisation and the sites at which they are located.
 - b. In how many of these cath labs do you perform catheter-based valve interventions?
 - c. How many days per week are catheter-based valve interventions performed in each of these cath labs?
 - d. Any available data on utilisation of these facilities (e.g. number of sessions scheduled per week, or average percentage utilisation).

Answer:

a.	Cath Labs: - 4 Location: - Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
b.	3
c.	7
d.	17.8 average sessions per week

Question:

2. Cardiac Theatres (used for cardiac surgery)
 - a. What is the number and location of cardiac theatres in operation.
 - b. What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures (e.g. TAVI, TEER, sAVR or Bentall procedures) performed in both cath labs and cardiac theatres during the most recent full year for which you hold data.

Answer:

a.	Cardiac Theatres, including TAV: - 3 (Theatre 4, 5 and 6)
b.	Total Procedures TAVI, TEER, AVR Last Full Year: - 654

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Question:

3. Planning

- a. How is the provision or planning of the following procedures managed within your jurisdiction for:
 - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)
 - Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER)
- b. Are there any current or planned investments in cardiac catheterisation or cardiac surgical capacity (including infrastructure or workforce)?
- c. What is the size of the population which is covered by your cardiac service provision?

Answer:

a.	- Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) Planning is based on MDT discussion of the clinical case followed by chronological scheduling of the procedure. - Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) Planning is based on Clinical priority and Consultant guidance for appropriate scheduling of the procedure.	
b.	Putting together a proposal to increase TAVI team Nursing staffing to support an efficient pathway and prepare for anticipated increasing numbers of referrals in the near future.	
c.	East Lothian: - 109,580 West Lothian: - 185,580 Grampian: - 264,610 Tayside: - 419,250 Greater Glasgow & Clyde: - 1,217,270 Argyll & Bute: - 87,960 Forth Valley: - 306,340 Fife: - 374,760 Ayrshire & Arran: - 367,750 Dumfries & Galloway: - 145,890 Lanarkshire: - 399,137 Highland: - 237,290 Shetland Islands: - 23,190 Orkney Islands: - 153,004 Na H-Eileanan Siar: -26,020 Moray: - 95,010 Borders: - 116,900	

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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