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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SAERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to completed SAERs.

Question:

- So how many of completed SAER's have the outcome code Appropriate care, how many is the outcome code indirect system of care issues...etc.

Answer:

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of this information as five or fewer cases have been closed so to release the outcome codes would make the individuals identifiable.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in this response and no further breakdown has been provided. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the 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).

I am sorry I cannot help 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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