

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CANCER PATHWAYS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cancer pathways.

Question:

1. Does your health board employ cancer care patient navigators/cancer pathway navigators (I am aware that this job title varies from board to board)
2. How many WTE staff are currently employed?
3. How many WTE vacancies exist?
4. Does every cancer patient get assigned a cancer care patient navigator/cancer pathway navigator?

Answer:

1.	Yes
2.	6.8 WTE
3.	1.0 WTE
4.	No, they are not assigned to individual patients, but there is a centralised service available to patients via the Cancer Navigation Hub.

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.

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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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