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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WAITING LIST

I write in response to your request for information in relation to waiting lists.

Question:

1. How many people were ahead of me on the waiting list on the day I joined it?

Answer:

I must advise that we cannot provide this detail under FOI(S)A as we would need to access information on yourself and other individuals. This information is considered exempt under Section 38(1)(a)(b) – personal information

Question:

2. On average, how many patients undergo the routine procedure every week?

Answer:

There is an average of 6 removals per week from the IP/DC waiting list where the local procedure is recorded as 'Ablation' and the waiting list priority is routine.

Question:

3. As of today, or the day on which you answer my questions, or the nearest practicable date, how many people were ahead of me on the routine list?

Answer:

As per response to question 1 - I must advise that we cannot provide this detail under FOI(S)A as we would need to access information on yourself and other individuals. This information is considered exempt under Section 38(1)(a)(b) – personal information

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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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](http://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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