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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INFECTION CONTROL

I write in response to your request for information in relation to infection control.

Question:

- Could I please get the number of risks identified by the infection control team across the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People over the last five years accompanied with the date identified, if a patient was moved from the room due to the issue identified and by which ward the risk was identified in.

Answer:

I am advised that as the question is posed, we cannot provide a meaningful response. No definition of 'risk' is provided therefore any response would rely on subjective interpretation of this term.

There is also a risk that response to the question as written may lead to erroneous interpretation and reporting.

For example, a patient may be identified with a new transmissible infection and on our advice be moved from one room (i.e. a single ensuite bedroom) to another more appropriate room (i.e. a positive pressure ventilated lobby isolation room) on the same or a different ward based on risk assessment. This would be in response to the 'risk identified' but would be wholly in line with current national policy and best practice guidance.

If you can provide further detail in relation to your definition of risk we can look into this further.

I am sorry I cannot help with your request at this time.

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

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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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