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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PROCEDURES AND BED DAYS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to procedures and bed days.

Question:

- I am seeking information relating to procedures recorded under OPCS-4 code H44.1. Please provide, for each financial year (or calendar year if more readily available) from 2016 to 2026, the following:
 - The number of H44.1 procedures performed.
 - The total number of bed days associated with patients undergoing H44.1 procedures.
 - The total clinical cost associated with these procedures, where recorded and available.

If possible, please provide the above data:

*Broken down by sex.

*Broken down by age group (for example: under 20, 20–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60–69, 70–79, 80+).

Answer:

OPCS4 Code	Financial Year	Number of Procedures	Bed Days	Spend (£)
H44.1	2016/17	8	9.15	Information not available
	2017/18	8	9.42	Information not available
	2018/19	7	6.78	Information not available
	2019/20	13	11.74	15,165
	2020/21	10	9.86	30,863
	2021/22	4	4.43	9,478
	2022/23	4	19.56	57,804
	2023/24	12	9.39	19,282
	2024/25	6	8.72	20,315
	2025/26	9	11.80	Information not available

1. Procedures are counted in the calendar year of the procedure date
2. Occupied bed days have been counted as the total amount of bed days at all sites for an admission during which a H44.1 procedure occurred
3. Due to low total counts, age and sex breakdowns have not been provided to protect patient confidentiality

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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