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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – UROLOGY AND ENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Urology and ENT.

Question:
1. How many Urology consultants (FTE) are employed by the board.
2. How many ENT consultants (FTE) are employed by the board.
3. a. Does the board provide inpatient care for Urology.
b. If inpatient care is provided what location is it provided at.
4. a. Does the board provide inpatient care for ENT.
b. If inpatient care is provided what location is it provided at.
5. a. Does the board perform Emergency Surgery for Urology.
b. If Emergency Surgery is performed what location is it performed at.
6. a. Does the board performed Emergency Surgery for ENT.
b. If Emergency Surgery is performed what location is it performed at.
7. a. Does the board perform Cancer Surgery for Urology.
b. If Cancer Surgery is performed what location is it performed at.
8. a. Does the board perform Cancer Surgery for ENT.
b. If Cancer Surgery is performed what location is it performed at.

Answer:

1.	18.8wte
2.	18.25wte
3a.	Yes
3b.	Westen General Hospital (WGH)
4a.	Yes
4b.	St John's Hospital
5a.	Yes
5b	WGH for unscheduled care, but emergency support provided at Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and St John's Hospital if necessary.
6a.	Yes
6b.	St John's Hospital
7a.	Yes

7b.	WGH, St John's Hospital, East Lothian Community Hospital (ELCH)
8a.	Yes
8b.	St John's Hospital

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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