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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DOMESTIC ABUSE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to domestic abuse.

Question:

- Please provide the number of reports or disclosures of domestic abuse (experienced by patients or disclosed on behalf of patients) recorded by maternity services across the health board in each of the last five years, including 26-27 year to date.

  For the purposes of this request, domestic abuse includes abuse by a current or former partner or other family member, including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, financial or coercive and controlling behaviour.

Answer:

Year	Number of Patients
2021	648
2022	573
2023	607
2024	649
2025	603
2026	510

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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