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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000322 – Aberdeen Hyperbaric Chamber.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 11th September 2024.

I have recently been in contact with Grampian Hyperbaric Chamber in Aberdeen, to request data that will be used in a research project I am currently doing into the accessibility of hyperbaric treatment in Scotland for divers. They mentioned that the data they collect is not stored at the centre, instead it is sent to NSS.

Therefore, would it be possible to request anonymised data about the Grampian hyperbaric chamber? I am specifically looking for data that shows, over the last 10 years, how many divers per year are treated at the centre and also, if possible, what the reason for their recompression treatment was (e.g. categorised as: DCI, Cerebral Arterial Gas Embolism (CAGE) and diver deaths associated). I have attached a draft excel sheet below of the type of data I hope to collect.

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Please find attached Appendix 1 - Aberdeen Hyperbaric Chamber data_Redacted, for the information you have requested regarding the total amount of divers who have been treated at the Aberdeen Hyperbaric Chamber in Grampian over the last 10 years. We have also included the reasons for diver recompression treatment. Under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA), NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) has redacted the details of patient numbers, which fall below 5, to protect their identity in line with the Caldicott Principles.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Governance and Board Services (Board Secretary) at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

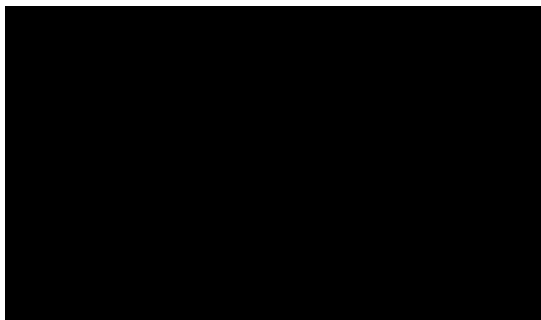
If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



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