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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000050 – IRIC complaints regarding Essure

I refer to your freedom of information request, which we received on 3 March 2022 requesting the following information:

How many complaints has the Incident Reporting and Investigation Centre (IRIC) received in relation to Essure (manufactured by Bayer), the permanently implanted birth control device for women (female sterilisation)?

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

IRIC receives incident reports rather than complaints. They are generated by staff rather than patients and they are processed differently. However, for the purposes of this information request we have treated these terms as though they mean the same thing.

There have been in total 7 adverse incident reports received by IRIC since 2014 involving Essure (manufactured by Bayer), the permanently implanted birth control device for female sterilisation.

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

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within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Davies', written in a cursive style.

Alan Davies
Business Support Manager