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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000054 - Private Surgeries and Procedures on behalf of each Health Board

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 15 March 2022 requesting the following information.

I am looking for information regarding the number of private surgeries and procedures carried out on behalf of each NHS Board during the last five years and from the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2021 (or the most recent date available).

It is my understanding that private surgeries are paid for on behalf of health boards by the National Services Scotland/Scottish Government

As such, can I request the following:

- 1. A breakdown of the total activity at private hospitals on behalf of the NHS Board, including outpatient appointments and procedures. For procedures, please provide a breakdown of what these were.**
- 2. Please could you provide a breakdown of activity by each private hospital involved in the initiative?**
- 3. Please could you provide a breakdown of the activity by each health board involved in the initiative?**
- 4. Please could you provide the total cost of these procedures, broken down by each private health company?**



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

Please find Appendix 1 attached which details the information you have requested.

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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or 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

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

Alan Davies
Business Support Manager