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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2024-000323 – Aberdeen Hyperbaric Chamber.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 12th September 2024.

Specifically, I am hoping to gather some basic data from the Aberdeen dive chamber that would greatly contribute to my research. I have attached a draft template of the dataset I am looking to compile. Any specific data you might have on the type of dive-related injuries would be immensely valuable. However, I fully understand the challenges in collecting detailed information, so even a record of the number of DCI cases throughout the years would be greatly appreciated. In one of the 'sheets' I have also included an example of the numbers that Dr Trevett provided from the Orkney chamber as a reference.

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 Aberdeen Hyperbaric Chamber in Grampian. 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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Chief Executive Mary Morgan

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