

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

DATE RECEIVED	17/01/2022	SUBJECT	Hospital Risk Levels and A&E Patient Diversion Correspondence		
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Question/s to be Answered

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

A copy of all written and email correspondence sent in the past six months to GP surgeries in the health board advising them of hospital risk levels or to divert patients from A&E.

Please include copies of all email attachments.

I am defining hospital risk levels as those to be the risk associated with high bed occupancy due to emergency care. I am defining ED patient diversion to be requesting patients do not attend ED as a primary source of urgent care.

On the basis of my interpretation of what these terms mean, we have not sent primary care teams any correspondence regarding Hospital Risk levels or correspondence referring to the diversion of ED patients.

Our escalation arrangements are set out in our published winter plan which is available on our intranet:

<https://www.shb.scot.nhs.uk/board/strategies.asp>