

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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| <b>DATE RECEIVED</b> | <b>05/07/2022</b>          | <b>SUBJECT</b>     | <b>Emergency Medicine Consultants</b> |                   |                   |
| <b>PASSED TO</b>     | <b>Medical Director</b>    | <b>DATE PASSED</b> | <b>06/07/2022</b>                     | <b>RESPOND BY</b> | <b>26/05/2022</b> |
| <b>CATEGORY</b>      | <b>Scottish Parliament</b> |                    | <b>FoI NUMBER</b>                     | <b>2022-248</b>   |                   |

Question/s to be Answered

1. In this health board, on how many night shifts was there no Emergency Medicine Consultant on duty during the 2021/22 financial year? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
2. Where there was no Emergency Medicine Consultant on overnight duty during the 2021/22 financial year, please outline the reason for this. Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
3. Where there was no Emergency Medicine Consultant on overnight duty during the 2021/22 financial year, please outline what impact this had on patient safety. For example, was an ED Registrar unable to initiate a protocol due to there being no Emergency Medicine Consultants present?

Our Rural General Hospital has an Emergency Department and not an A&E and therefore the senior medical cover is provided by Consultant Physician, Consultant Surgeon, Consultant Psychiatrist, and Consultant Anaesthetists. During the out of hours period they are on-call.