

RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 096 – Breast Cancer Nurses

Your Query	Date of Request	June 2017
<p>Could you tell me the number of nurses in the NHS Orkney health board area which are specialist breast nurses, i.e. nurses who are trained in the specialist care of patients with breast cancer? Can you also tell me the number of plastic surgeons (if any) in the NHS Orkney health board area which are trained in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- prosthesis/implant breast reconstruction- 'free flap'/'free tissue' breast reconstruction <p>I understand that some surgeons skilled in 'free flap'/'free tissue' reconstructions will also be skilled in implant/prosthesis reconstructions. Please count these surgeons twice, i.e. once in the implant/prosthesis tally, and once in the 'free flap'/'free tissue' tally.</p> <p>If there are no specialist breast nurses or surgeons skilled in these procedures permanently operating within the NHS Orkney health board, please state this.</p>		
Response		
<p>There are no specialist breast nurses or surgeons within NHS Orkney. All specialist care and advice is referred to and shared with NHS Grampian, where we have a service level agreement in place.</p>		

