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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GENDER REASSIGNMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to gender reassignment within NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide the number of Male to Female gender reassignment procedures sanctioned by NHS Lothian in each of the years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
2. Please provide the number of Male to Female gender reassignment procedures carried out on behalf of NHS Lothian in each of the years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
3. Please provide the following procedure costs: Average cost; Minimum cost and Maximum cost, of Male to Female gender reassignment procedures invoiced on NHS Lothian in each of the years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
4. Please provide the budget allocation for Male to Female gender reassignment procedures planned by NHS Lothian in each of the years: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
5. Please provide the number of Male to Female gender reassignment procedures sanctioned to be conducted outside of the UK: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
6. Please provide the number of Male to Female gender reassignment procedures sanctioned by NHS Lothian to be completed in the private clinical sector: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

Answer:

I am advised that we send all our surgical referrals to NHS Services Directorate for funding, budgets and payments of these types of surgeries.

The information you have requested is not held by NHS Lothian, as per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

Funding requests are made to the following email address nss.nsd-oats@nhs.net

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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