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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GYNAECOLOGY

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

Question:

- I would like to make a Freedom of Information request for the below information:
 - The criteria by which referrals from Consultant Gynaecologists (outside of NHS Lothian) to EXPPECT Endometriosis Clinic are discussed and assessed at the Multi-Disciplinary Meeting
 - How often the Multi-Disciplinary Meeting take place
 - The timescale for a referral from consultant gynaecologists to acceptance to the EXPPECT clinic

Answer:

1.	Patient should have stage 4 disease - involving ureter, bowel or bladder but we will also consider complex cases of less severe disease on a case-by-case basis. they need referral by consultant gynaecologist, GP's cannot refer in from Fife, Borders + Dumfries & Galloway. We will consider review / management of cases from other Scottish BSGE Endo centre (Glasgow and Aberdeen) where there has been a breakdown in relationship with their home team or the home team ask for second opinions.
2.	Twice a month, Monday AM.
3.	Two weeks from referral to discussion at the MDM then allocated review appointment in clinic, current wait is 13 weeks if urgent, routine 78 weeks if routine.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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