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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MENTAL HEALTH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to mental health and nationality.

Question:

1. Since 24 February 2022, how many Ukrainian nationals have been referred to access mental health services in the health board/hospital trust area? If possible and if it does not exceed the cost threshold, please advise how many of those nationals were referred with PTSD listed as a factor.
2. Since 24 February 2022, how many Ukrainian nationals - under the age of 18 - have been referred to access mental health services in the health board/hospital trust area? If possible and if it does not exceed the cost threshold, please advise how many of those nationals - under the age of 18 - were referred with PTSD listed as a factor.

Answer:

I am advised that Unfortunately, Nationality is data that is seldom recorded and is therefore not available in a centrally extractable format.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I am sorry I cannot help further 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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