

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GYNAECOLOGY WAITING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to gynaecology waiting times within NHS Lothian.

**Question:**

- Current waiting list numbers to the nearest date possible
  1. Diagnostic hysteroscopy
  2. Resection/ablation of interuterine lesion (Truclear or Myosure)
  3. Endometrial ablation (Novasure)
  4. Hysterectomy

Please categorise into outpatient/inpatient if applicable and where possible.

**Answer:**

	Local procedure	Patients	Average Wait (days)	90th percentile (days)
1.	Hysteroscopy	117	180.29	538.00
2.	Resection/ablation	Not held, information not coded – Section 17		
3.	Endometrial ablation	15	400.67	589.80
4.	Hysterectomy	315	264.21	568.00

*These figures;*

*Include all patients currently waiting on the waiting list under the Gynaecology specialty*

*Includes average wait and 90th percentile which is the maximum length of time that 90% of patients waited*

*Cannot split by inpatient/outpatient as all local procedures are coded only for inpatients*

To protect the identity of the individuals involved we have used the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

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](http://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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