

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DISCHARGE

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

Question:

1. A breakdown of the number of patients who were classified as a failed discharge in 2022 and 2023 (most recent) [if this term is used] **OR** the number of patients who were discharged and then readmitted after 1 to 7 days with a breakdown for the same period.
2. The hospital and ward in which they were discharged and then admitted to.
3. The length of stay when readmitted.

Answer:

Discharge Year	Discharge Hospital	Hospital Readmitted to in <=7 days	Number of patients	Median Readmission LOS (days)
2022	other	other	620	1.9
2022	other	RIE	462	14.3
2022	other	SJH	256	8.1
2022	other	WGH	265	14.9
2022	RIE	other	169	3.8
2022	RIE	RIE	2,165	3.0
2022	RIE	SJH	135	2.2
2022	RIE	WGH	306	5.3
2022	SJH	other	80	3.7
2022	SJH	RIE	126	4.3
2022	SJH	SJH	1,439	1.2
2022	SJH	WGH	66	3.6
2022	WGH	other	11	10.7

2022	WGH	RIE	285	6.4
2022	WGH	SJH	54	5.6
2022	WGH	WGH	1,349	3.0
2023	other	other	691	1.9
2023	other	RIE	585	11.5
2023	other	SJH	340	5.2
2023	other	WGH	264	10.6
2023	RIE	other	207	2.2
2023	RIE	RIE	2,654	2.9
2023	RIE	SJH	150	2.3
2023	RIE	WGH	338	4.3
2023	SJH	other	69	3.1
2023	SJH	RIE	134	4.8
2023	SJH	SJH	1,405	1.7
2023	SJH	WGH	75	5.2
2023	WGH	other	15	11.1
2023	WGH	RIE	294	5.8
2023	WGH	SJH	78	4.0
2023	WGH	WGH	1,360	2.9
Note - discharges are for patients admitted as inpatients only and not discharged dead. Readmissions are for unplanned inpatients only and exclude admissions to Hospital at Home				
Note - Numbers are ward level and at hospital level at some sites are disclosive so cannot be released here. Numbers are summed to the 3 main acute hospital sites and 'other' to include all other sites.				

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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