

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NDAS DIAGNOSIS

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

Question:

1. How many patients are on the NDAS waiting list as of today's date?
2. Of the above, how many patients are aged under 6 years old and how many are on list aged over 6 years old?
3. What is the current waiting time to be diagnosed from referral?
4. How many children over 6 years old have been diagnosed in NDAS in past year?
5. What is the longest a patient is currently on the waiting list for?
6. What is your average monthly referral rate?
7. If no other patient joined the waiting list, what is the estimated time to clear the list with the patients currently on it?

Answer:

1.	There are currently 5,590 CYP on the list on 27/02/2024.
2.	Eighty (80) of CYP currently waiting are less than 6 years old.
3.	We are unable to answer this question as diagnostic information is not routinely added to the electronic patient record.*
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5.	227 weeks.
6.	In the last 12 months the average number of referrals for Neurodevelopmental assessments each month was 285.
7.	Estimates are not covered under FOI(S)A , only recorded factually accurate data

\*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 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](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.

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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