

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADHD REFERRAL**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD referral in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

How many people in the Lothians have been rejected from getting an ADHD referral through NHS Scotland in each of the last 10 years, year by year. And please if possible a breakdown of each local authority.

### Answer:

I am advised that this information is not held centrally. This is because for both children's and adults services ADHD referrals are made to the relevant neurodevelopmental teams along with referrals for other diagnoses. It is not possible to distinguish between ADHD referrals rejected from referrals of other diagnoses rejected. Information will be held in individual patient records, but in order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to review each patient record over the period you have specified, requiring significant resources. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, NHS Lothian is not required to respond to your request if the resources required to do so equate to more than £600 in cost.

I am sorry I cannot help 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 reviewer at the address at the top 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>

Yours sincerely

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