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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PACEMAKERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to pacemakers fitted within NHS Lothian

Question:

- Can you tell me the total amount of people fitted with a pacemaker for the first time, since when earliest records are available till 2024 ? Please also separate by age category.

Answer:

Year	<35	35-49	50-69	70-79	80-89	90+
2008	5<	7	59	120	105	15
2009	5<	18	103	119	143	22
2010	5<	11	80	122	124	21
2011	8	12	88	126	121	22
2012	6	23	92	131	139	26
2013	5<	18	112	152	178	34
2014	5<	15	116	175	185	24
2015	8	24	120	181	207	43
2016	7	20	111	208	205	34
2017	6	10	120	206	214	41
2018	6	17	122	208	210	44
2019	12	15	129	195	228	43
2020	6	14	112	169	158	41
2021	5<	11	103	200	162	44
2022	5<	13	90	184	174	38
2023	7	13	123	176	191	39

Notes:

1. Operations counted in the calendar year of the operation date
2. The following OPCS codes were included:

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Waverley Gate
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K60.1 - Implantation of intravenous cardiac pacemaker system NEC
K60.5 - Implantation of intravenous single chamber cardiac pacemaker system
K60.6 - Implantation of intravenous dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system
K60.7 - Implantation of intravenous biventricular cardiac pacemaker system
K61.1 - Implantation of cardiac pacemaker system NEC
K61.5 - Implantation of single chamber cardiac pacemaker system
K61.6 - Implantation of dual chamber cardiac pacemaker system
K61.7 - Implantation of biventricular cardiac pacemaker system

3. Counts 5< have been suppressed to protect patient confidentiality
4. For patients with more than one operation coded, only the earliest operation was counted.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown 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).

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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