

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM

I write in response to your request for information in relation to learning disability and autism diagnosis.

**Question:**

1. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both currently admitted to a hospital or other in-patient setting within your health board area for a period of 365 days or longer?
2. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both currently admitted to a hospital or other in-patient setting within your health board area for a period of five years or longer?
3. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both currently admitted to a hospital or other in-patient setting within your health board area for a period of ten years or longer;
4. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both currently admitted to a hospital or other in-patient setting within your health board area for a period of 20 years or longer;

**Answer:**

There were 18 patients admitted under an LD speciality have been an inpatient for 365 days or longer. Breakdown as follows:

| Length of Stay | No of Patients |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1-5 years      | 5<             |
| 5-10 years     | 5<             |
| 10-20 years    | 8              |
| 20 years +     | 5<             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>18</b>      |

Question:

5. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both area currently in a hospital or other in-patient setting within your health board subject to a Compulsory Treatment Order;

Answer:

There are five or fewer.

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

Question:

6. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both within your health board area currently recorded as delayed discharge for each of the following “health and social care reasons”;

Answer:

There are currently 14.

Question:

7. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both within your health board area currently resident within a medium or low secure ward;

Answer:

Zero.

Question:

8. The number of people with a diagnosed learning disability or diagnosis of autism or both within your health board area i) resident within a medium or low secure ward and ii) recorded as delayed discharge?

Answer:

Zero.

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.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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