

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LEARNING DISABILITY HEALTH CHECKS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to learning disability health checks within NHS Lothian.

**Question:**

1. The number of people with a learning disability that the health board recognises as eligible for a health check.
2. The number of people with a learning disability who have been offered a health check between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to present [within current reporting period]
3. The number of people who have received health check upon accepting an offer of one between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to present [within current reporting period]
4. The number of people with a learning disability between 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were offered a health check.
5. The number of people with a learning disability between 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 received a health check upon accepting an offer of one

**Answer:**

	West Lothian	Edinburgh	Midlothian	East Lothian	REAS inpatients
1.	696	2184	466	629	26
2.	79	Not held in a centrally extractable format	37*	58	26
3.	47		37*	58	26
4.	50		11*	60	28
5.	50		11*	60	28

\*For context Midlothian, 2&3 represents the team working towards a return to capacity following a period of significantly reduced staffing. 4&5 represents a period where we were only able to cover critical elements of the service due to significant staffing issues.

Within Edinburgh HSCP current Community Learning Disabilities Nurses offer health checks on an annual basis to any patient on their caseload and undertake health assessments at the time of assessing anyone referred to the team. Unfortunately, the system for patient records (TRAK) does not allow us run a report indicating the number of patients who have had this assessment and we do not currently have a system that produces such data. As part of the

implementation of this legislation we are reviewing our process for recording the number of health checks undertaken and our process for reporting on this.

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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