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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOSPITAL PORTERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hospital porters within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- Please could you confirm the total number of hospital porters employed in each of the last five financial years, including 2023/24.

Answer:

2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024 to date
281.65	348.65	343.57	338.97	345.50

Question:

- Please could you also confirm how many hospital treatments/operations were delayed or cancelled as a result of a lack of availability of hospital porters to transport patients from one part of a hospital to another.

Answer:

We have no record of any treatments/procedures being delayed or cancelled for this reason.

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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