

Date: 09/04/2024
Our Ref: 8510
Your Ref:
Enquiries to loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RESPIRATORY TRIAGE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to respiratory triage in NHS Lothian.

Question:

I would be grateful if NHS Lothian could provide relevant information for NHS Lothian or, more specifically, the Western General Hospital as to:

1. In July 2019, whether Lothian/WGH had a protocol for the Emergency Department's triage of respiratory/lung presentations?

Answer:

There is no Emergency Department at the Western General Hospital. The Emergency Departments at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and St John's Hospital had a triage protocol which included respiratory presentations on this date.

Question:

2. In July 2019, whether Lothian/WGH had a protocol for the Acute Receiving Department's triage of respiratory/lung presentations?

Answer:

Yes, a triage protocol was in place on this date which included respiratory presentations.

Question:

3. In July 2019, whether Lothian/WGH had a protocol for the administration of troponin tests, in terms of timings and repeat testing?

Answer:

Yes, a protocol was in place.

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 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.

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Yours sincerely

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