

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VASECTOMY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to vasectomy carried out in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. The date of the last completed routine / non-urgent vasectomy carried out in the health board.

Answer:

As of 21 March 2024, the last routine vasectomy carried out in NHS Lothian was completed on 21 March 2024.

Question:

2. The number of those currently on a waiting list to receive a vasectomy.

Answer:

Once a patient has been referred for a vasectomy they will attend a telephone appointment, a pre operative appointment if required and then the procedure itself. The table below details the numbers of patients waiting at each stage as of 21 March 2024.

Vasectomy waiting lists, NHS Lothian	
Appointment	Number of patients waiting
Vasectomy assessment	1,675
Vasectomy pre operative	40
Vasectomy operation	238

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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