

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOCUM PSYCHIATRISTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to locum Psychiatrists within NHS Lothian

Question:

- I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the number of locum Psychiatrists the organisation as used in 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023.

Answer:

The table below has the numbers for those that were booked for extended periods as well as the total when shorted bookings and ad-hoc are accounted for as well.

Year	No. of different locums block booked (period exceeding 4 weeks)	Total no. of different locums when Ad-Hoc/shorter bookings included
2020	25	63
2021	24	56
2022	17	67
2023	18	66

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.

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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