

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DEMENTIA

I write in response to your request for information in relation to dementia patients within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- The total of people diagnosed with dementia in the Area.

Answer:

6,706

Question:

- A breakdown between those under 65 and over by %.

Answer:

Current age	% of Cases
Under 65 years	2.8%
65years+	97.2%

Question:

- A breakdown down by ethnicity; this is routinely reported.

Answer:

Ethnicity	No. of People
White Scottish	3,475
White British	1,177
Unknown	1,173
Refused / Not given by patient	608
White English	106
White Irish	29
Pakistani, Pakistani Scottish or Pakistani British	25
S Europe (eg Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Spain, Turkey)	14

W Europe (eg France, Germany, Netherlands)	12
White Polish	11
Any other White Ethnic group	11
White Northern Irish	9
Indian, Indian Scottish or Indian British	8
Any other ethnic group	7
Any mixed or multiple ethnic group	7
White Welsh	6
Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British	6
Other Asian	5<
African, African Scottish or African British	5<
E Europe exc Poland (eg Balkans, Russia)	5<
Black, Black Scottish or Black British	5<
Bangladeshi, Bangladeshi Scottish or Bangladeshi British	5<
N Europe (eg Denmark, Norway, Sweden)	5<
South East Asia (eg Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines)	5<
Australasia (Australia, New Zealand)	5<
Arab	5<
Other Black	5<
Total	6,706

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

- The total diagnosed with dementia in 2022-23.

Answer:

1,164

Note:

The information for this FOI has been extracted from TRAK, our electronic patient information system. The numbers reported are based on those patients who have had a diagnosis of dementia added to their electronic patient record and the date that this was added. It should be noted that diagnostic coding is not routinely added to all outpatient episodes in the electronic record and therefore, the figures reported are likely to be under reporting the actual number of people who have been diagnosed with dementia.

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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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