

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GYNAECOLOGIST

I write in response to your request for information in relation to gynaecology waiting times within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- 1) The minimum length of wait time to see a gynaecologist post-pandemic from 2021- 2023 (2024 if figures are available at all)

Answer:

Zero - because we provide same day emergency access.

Question:

- 2) The minimum length of wait time to see a gynaecologist pre-pandemic from 2018 – 2020

Answer:

Zero - because we provide same day emergency access.

Question:

- 3) The number of patients seen by gynaecologists and sexual health healthcare workers broken down by year from 2018 to 2023

Answer:

Year	Patients Seen
2018	32715
2019	34465
2020	26622
2021	33653
2022	33050
2023	33535

Question:

4) The number of gynaecologists and doctors specialising in sexual health specifically from 2018 to 2023

Answer:

There were seven.

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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