

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HYSTERECTOMY WAITING TIMES

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

Question:

1. I would like to request statistics of waiting times for patients awaiting a Hysterectomy at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Specifically, the waiting times over the past four years for (a) urgent Cases (b) non-urgent case and (c) referrals from the recurrent miscarriage clinic. If you are unable to provide this data can you please detail the reasons why and provide the average wait times instead.

Answer:

The table below shows the 25th percentile, median and 75th percentile waits in days for each priority group in each year requested. The 25th percentile is the number of days by which 25% of patients had the procedure, and the 75th percentile is the number of days by which 75% of patients had the procedure.

We are unable to provide waiting times or statistics for patients referred from the recurrent miscarriage clinic at the Royal Infirmary, as fewer than 5 patients who attended this clinic have a completed wait for a hysterectomy at the Royal Infirmary during this period.

Hysterectomy waiting times in days, NHS Lothian					
Year	Priority	Completed waits	25th percentile wait	Median wait	75th percentile wait
2020	Routine	58	182.00	340.5	439.50
	Urgent	160	23.75	35.0	47.25
2021	Routine	59	342.50	435.0	476.50
	Soon	38	35.25	45.0	91.25
	Urgent	42	27.00	43.0	156.00
	Urgent suspicion of cancer	107	22.50	32.0	41.50
2022	Routine	26	320.50	621.0	661.00
	Soon	60	61.75	124.5	307.25
	Urgent	19	20.00	36.0	86.00

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Year	Priority	Completed waits	25th percentile wait	Median wait	75th percentile wait
2023	Urgent suspicion of cancer	109	19.00	28.0	44.00
	Routine	74	304.25	571.5	742.75
	Urgent	75	41.50	57.0	136.00
	Urgent suspicion of cancer	138	18.25	26.0	36.00

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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