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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – COLONOSCOPY TEST RESULT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to colonoscopy test result.

Question:

1. What was the median (in days) for a colonoscopy test result, from the point of the test being carried out to the test results being analysed?
2. What was the longest wait (in days) for a colonoscopy test result, from the point of the test being carried out to the test results being analysed?

Answer:

We have provided the turnaround for a "biopsy" taken as part of a colonoscopy procedure.

Financial Year	Median duration (days)					Max duration (days)				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Colonoscopy biopsy	9	8	9	11	14	89	89	83	77	79

If there was no need for pathology then the result would be communicated to the patient at the point of the procedure.

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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