

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DIABETES CLOSED LOOP TECHNOLOGY**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to diabetes closed loop technology in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

1. Please confirm the current wait time for adult diabetes patients in NHS Lothian to receive closed loop technology (insulin pump and continuous glucose monitor).
2. Please confirm the current wait time for child diabetes patients in NHS Lothian to receive closed loop technology (insulin pump and continuous glucose monitor);
3. Please confirm the number of adults currently on the waiting list to receive diabetes closed loop technology;
4. Please confirm the number of children currently on the waiting list to receive diabetes closed loop technology;

### Answer:

Due to the way waiting lists are managed, we are not able to provide the number of adults or children with type 1 diabetes waiting to receive hybrid closed loop technology, or what the waiting times are. Separate waiting lists are held for insulin pumps and CGM, and there will be crossover between these waiting lists with some people on one or both.

Information may be held in individual patient records, but in order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to review each patient record, requiring significant resources. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, NHS Lothian is not required to respond to your request if the resources required to do so equate to more than £600 in cost.

### Question:

5. Please confirm the number of new diabetes pump starts for adults that the NHS Lothian is planning for this year and the next two years (2024, 2025 and 2026). To clarify, how many new adult pump starts does allocated funding allow for in each of these years?

Answer:

100 new devices are funded for the year 2024/25. 70 of these are allocated to children's services and 30 to adult services. This will be regularly reviewed and may be subject to change. Funding decisions for the year 2025/26 have not yet been made.

These 100 new devices are in addition to the ongoing replacement programme for people already established on an insulin pump.

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](http://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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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