

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to prescribing in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. The total numbers of patients who have been prescribed PREGABALIN in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
2. The total numbers of patients who have been prescribed GABAPENTIN in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
3. The total numbers of patients under the age of 25 who have been prescribed PREGABALIN or GABAPENTIN in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below.

Patients prescribed pregabalin and gabapentin, NHS Lothian						
Patient group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total no. patients prescribed pregabalin	9,887	9,762	9,938	10,498	11,028	11,570
Total no. patients prescribed gabapentin	15,167	13,910	12,795	12,642	12,206	12,111
Patients <25 years old prescribed pregabalin or gabapentin	471	426	410	391	362	314

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



Headquarters
Waverley Gate
2-4 Waterloo Place
Edinburgh EH1 3EG

Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
Chief Executive Calum Campbell
Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board

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.

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

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director of Nursing Midwifery and AHPs
Cc: Chief Executive