

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INSULIN PUMPS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to insulin pumps provided to NHS Lothian patients.

Question:

1. Given the number of people on the waiting list for insulin pumps in NHS Lothian, the time someone have to wait if they were added to the waiting list today.

Answer:

We are not able to provide a waiting time for a patient added to the waiting list. Allocation is based on clinical priority.

Question:

2. The number of patients on the waiting list for an insulin pump in NHS Lothian as of today.

Answer:

On 19 April 2024 there were 753 people on the waiting list for an insulin pump, including both adults and children.

Question:

3. The number of patients, monthly, from January 2020 to present, who received an insulin pump in NHS Lothian.

Answer:

This data is available per year rather than per month and is detailed in the table below. This is for patients receiving a new insulin pump.

Insulin pumps provided to patients, NHS Lothian	
Year	Number of devices
2020-21	104
2021-22	183
2022-23	176
2023-24	163

Question:

4. The average and longest waiting times for an insulin pump.

Answer:

The longest wait for an insulin pump is currently 28 months. We are not able to provide average waiting times as allocation is currently based on clinical priority.

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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