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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – REHABILITATION SERVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to rehabilitation services within NHS Lothian.

Question:

- What is this Trust's budget for physical rehabilitation services for FY2023/24.
- How much has been spent on physical rehabilitation services each year since 2014 to date.
 - How is this spending broken down by service provisions.

Answer:

We cannot separate physical rehab from other rehab types, so cannot answer the question in the way it was asked.

[Files listing 2022 to 2023 - Scottish health service costs - summary for financial year 2022 to 2023 - Scottish health service costs - Publications - Public Health Scotland](#)

Rehab is a specialty under hospital costs. Community physio will be under the community AHP section.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible.

- (1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

Question:

- What proportion of this is inpatient vs outpatient.
- How many patients accessed rehabilitation services, or how many appointments were fulfilled, each year from 2014 to date.

Answer:

I must advise that after extensive discussion the question is too vague and the data on TRAK is not recorded in such a way that we can answer the request. There is no grouping on TRAK that we can use that covers "rehabilitation services".

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I hope the publicly available information 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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