

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – THROMBOSIS

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

Question:

1. How many cases of non cirrhotic portal vein thrombosis were diagnosed in Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.
2. For each year I'd also like to know how many patients with this condition have been referred into Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh from other hospitals: a) Temporarily for tertiary centre treatment and b) Are permanently looked after in Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.
3. How many cases of cirrhotic portal vein thrombosis were diagnosed in Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
4. For each year I'd also like to know how many patients with this condition have been referred into Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh from other hospitals: a) Temporarily for tertiary centre treatment b) Are permanently looked after in Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Answer:

I am advised that this information is not collected centrally. Data on patient diagnoses is recorded against procedure or outpatient clinic attended, and patients with these diagnoses will not all be seen in the same department. Therefore it is not possible to run a report on these patients in our electronic patient management system. Information will be held in individual patient records, but in order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to review each patient record over the period you have specified, 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.

I am sorry I cannot help 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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