

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HEART BYPASS SURGERY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to heart bypass surgery waiting times.

Question:

1. What is the current longest adjusted wait for heart bypass surgery in this health board?
2. What is the current mean adjusted wait for heart bypass surgery in this health board?

Answer:

Current Ongoing Waits for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft

Patients Waiting	Mean Wait (days)	95th Percentile (days)
110	140	313.1

Notes:

The data shows the current ongoing waits (adjusted to take into account periods of patient unavailability) for a Coronary Artery Bypass Graft procedure.

The data refers to Coronary Artery Bypass Graft procedures with or without Mitral Valve Replacement and/or Aortic Valve Replacement.

The data for ongoing waits is based on the length of time that has passed from the date that patients were added to the waiting list until the date that the data were extracted, less any periods of patient unavailability.

We cannot provide the longest wait since this relates to an individual patient and so the 95th percentile of the adjusted wait is given here.

As of the date of data extraction, 95% of patients currently on the waiting list for a Coronary Artery Bypass Graft procedure have been waiting less time than the 95th percentile figure.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved we have used the 95th percentile in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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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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