

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP PRACTICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to GP Practices within NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. The number of GP practices in your health board?

Answer:

116 GP practices

2. Total headcount and WTE number of GPs working in your health board:

Answer:

As at 10 April 2024 the headcount of hosted GPs on the performers list was 1,183. The Performers List data is managed across Scotland. GPs that are hosted by NHS Lothian all undertake revalidation and appraisal in Lothian. We have not included non-hosted GPs in this response as they may or may not work in the Lothian area.

We do not hold information on WTE. Practices are not obliged to share this information with the Health Board under current contractual arrangements.

Question:

3. The number of GP practices in your health board that your health board directly runs (2C category)

Answer:

9 practices.

Question:

4. A list of the GP practices in your health board that your health board directly runs (2C category).

Answer:

| NHS Lothian 2C GP Practices | |
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| Gracemount Medical Practice | 24 Gracemount Drive, Edinburgh, EH16 4RN |

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Waverley Gate
2-4 Waterloo Place
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| Restalrig Park Medical Centre | 40 Alemoor Crescent, Edinburgh, EH7 6UJ |
| Braefoot Medical Practice | Conan Doyle Medical Centre, 4 Nether Liberton Lane, Edinburgh, EH16 5TY |
| Edinburgh Access Practice | The Access Place, 6 South Gray's Close, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA |
| Wester Hailes Medical Practice | Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre, 30 Harvesters Way, Edinburgh, Eh14 3JF |
| Polwarth Medical Practice | Tollcross Health Centre, 10 Ponton Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9QQ |
| Mill Lane Surgery | 4 Mill Lane, Edinburgh, EH6 6TL |
| Links Medical Centre | 4 Hermitage Place, Edinburgh, EH6 8BW |
| Parkgrove Medical Practice | 22B Parkgrove Terrace, Edinburgh, EH4 7NX |

Question:

5. For each of these practices, a description of how the health board came to run them and on what date this started (i.e. were they established by the health board or were they taken over by them, having previously been independent)

Answer:

| NHS Lothian 2C GP practices | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Practice Name | Description | S2c start date |
| Gracemount Medical Practice | Taken over | 01/02/2023 |
| Restalrig Park Medical Centre | Taken over | exact date not recorded - historic arrangement |
| Braefoot Medical Practice | Taken over | 01/01/2017 |
| Edinburgh Access Practice | Historic | exact date not recorded - historic arrangement |
| Wester Hailes Medical Practice | Taken over | exact date not recorded - historic arrangement |
| Polwarth Medical Practice | Taken over | 01/07/2016 |
| Mill Lane Surgery | Taken over | 01/03/2017 |
| Links Medical Centre | Taken over | 01/11/2015 |
| Parkgrove Medical Practice | Taken over | 01/11/2016 |

Question:

6. For each GP practice in your health board that, at some time from 2015 to present, had been a 2C direct-run practice and no longer is categorised as such, a description of how the health board came to run them and on what date this started (i.e. were they established by the health board or were they taken over by them, having previously been independent), and a description of what happened to make them no longer categorised as such.

Answer:

| S2c Start Date | Practice Name | How HB came to run | Reason | S2c End Date | Reason |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| 08/06/15 | Bangholm White Practice | Taken over | Handing back of contract | 31/03/16 | Practice closed and patients transferred to another practice |
| 01/12/15 | Eskbridge Medical Practice | Taken over | Handing back of contract | 28/01/18 | Practice closed and patients transferred to another practice |
| 01/04/15 | Kirkliston Medical Practice | Taken over | Handing back of contract | 30/06/16 | Practice advertised and an existing Lothian practice took over and run as branch site |
| 01/04/17 | Deans and Eilburn Medical Practice | Taken over | Handing back of contract | 30/06/17 | Practice advertised and successor took over under S17j contract |
| Historic | Ratho Medical Practice | Taken over | Single handed GP retired | 01/11/17 | Practice advertised and successor took over under S17j contract |

Question:

7. Annual expense, from 2018-19 to present, by your health board, on direct-run GP practices

Answer:

The table below details the information you have requested. Please note that these figures also include the Challenging Behaviour Practice and the Access Practice.

| Year | Spend |
|---------|-------------|
| 2018/19 | £8,543,000 |
| 2019/20 | £9,181,000 |
| 2020/21 | £9,714,000 |
| 2021/22 | £9,845,000 |
| 2022/23 | £10,413,000 |
| 2023/24 | £13,306,000 |

Question:

8. Total number of GPs in your health board, headcount and WTE, working at 2C directly-run GP practices:

Answer:

As at 10 April 2024 there were 65 GPs with a total whole time equivalent of 42.66 working at 2C GP practices run directly by NHS Lothian.

Question:

9. Expense on all GP practices and services, annually from 2018-19 to present, in your health board, both total and per registered patient.

| Year | Spend | Registered Population | Spend Per Head |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2018/19 | £138,025,000 | 962,937 | £143 |
| 2019/20 | £146,252,000 | 976,388 | £150 |
| 2020/21 | £157,112,000 | 986,719 | £159 |
| 2021/22 | £165,119,000 | 1,005,667 | £164 |
| 2022/23 | £169,784,000 | 1,023,132 | £166 |
| 2023/24 | £174,895,000 | 1,040,699 | £168 |

Question:

10. Expense on direct-run 2C GP practices and services, annually from 2018-19 to present, in your health board, both total and per registered patient.

Answer:

Please note, the table below does not include the Access Practice as it has a low registered list which does not reflect workload.

| Year | Spend | Registered Population | Spend Per Head |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2018/19 | £7,435,000 | 37,747 | £197 |
| 2019/20 | £7,986,000 | 39,045 | £205 |
| 2020/21 | £8,542,000 | 38,760 | £220 |
| 2021/22 | £8,488,000 | 39,481 | £215 |
| 2022/23 | £9,127,000 | 41,568 | £220 |
| 2023/24 | £11,787,000 | 53,185 | £222 |

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 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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