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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AUDIOLOGY**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Audiology.

Question:

1. The number of audiology staff employed by the board in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

Answer:

**Table 1: Audiology Inpost WTE by Band**

Grade	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Feb-25
Band 2	4	3		
Band 3	1	2	4	4
Band 4	2.07	2.07	2	2
Band 5	3.85	0.85	3.5	3.08
Band 6	4.76	7.76	6.05	7.05
Band 7	3.58	3.58	3.17	3.17
Band 8+	1	1	1.0	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>

**Table 2: Audiology Headcount by Band**

Grade	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	Feb-25
Band 2	4	3	0	0
Band 3	1	2	4	4
Band 4	3	3	3	3
Band 5	5	2	4	4
Band 6	5	8	8	9
Band 7	4	4	4	4
Band 8+	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>

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Question:

2. The number of people placed on an audiology appointment waiting list in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

Answer:

Year	Wait List
2022	Data not available
2023	9,929 monthly average
2024	10,179 monthly average
2025	10,270 monthly average

Question:

3. The a/ average and b/ longest waiting times for the audiology service in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

Answer:

Year	Average	Longest
2022	25 weeks	40-45 weeks
2023	28 weeks	50-55 weeks
2024	28 weeks	65-70 weeks
2025	27 weeks	60-65 weeks

To protect the identity of the individuals involved in the table above and we have a range for the longest wait. 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).

The information provided is for adult services only.

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](http://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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