

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PSYCHIATRY OUTPATIENTS COSTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to outpatient psychiatry appointments in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide the total spending by the ICB on outpatient psychiatry appointments.

Answer:

NHS Lothian's total spend on outpatient and community psychiatry appointments in the year 2023-24 was £88,923,488, as published in the R340 report in the Cost Book.

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2. Please provide the average cost per assessment/appointment for the following outpatient psychiatry services: a) ADHD assessments; b) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessments; c) General mental health assessments; d) Drug and alcohol assessments; e) Child psychiatry assessments; f) Follow-up psychiatry appointments.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Outpatient psychiatry assessment spend, NHS Lothian	
Service	Average cost per appointment
ADHD assessment	£165
Autism Spectrum Disorder assessment	£242
General mental health assessment	£178
Drug and alcohol assessment	Provided by Alcohol and Drug Partnerships
Child psychiatry assessment	£273
Follow up psychiatry appointment	£86

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3. If available, a breakdown of the above costs distinguishing between assessments carried out by NHS providers and those commissioned from private providers.

Answer:



NHS Lothian provides all of these services directly, there is no spend on private providers.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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.

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Yours sincerely

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