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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – KNIFE INJURIES**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to knife injuries.

Question:

- Number of hospital admissions due to injuries caused by knife or bladed/pointed instrument/sharp objects in NHS Lothian broken down by area for the last three years, up to and including the latest available data.

Answer:

Health and Social Care Partnership	Number of patients
East Lothian	107
Edinburgh	488
Midlothian	87
West Lothian	188
Other	203

1. Includes hospital admissions to acute sites between 01/02/2022 and 31/01/2025 (inclusive)
2. Patients are identified as an IP admission with diagnosis code (at any point): W26 (Contact with other sharp object(s)), X78 (Intentional self-harm by sharp object), X99 (Assault by sharp object)
3. Due to the diagnosis coding process, admissions on 31/01/2025 are the latest available
4. Health and Social Care Partnership is defined by the recorded address of the patient at the time of their admission

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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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