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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WAITING TIMES

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

Question:

- The average waiting time for an endoscopy in NHS Lothian; how many patients are currently waiting for one; and an average of many endoscopies are carried out each day.
- The average waiting time for an MRI scan in NHS Lothian; how many patients are currently waiting for one; and an average of many MRI scans are carried out each day.

Answer:

	21/04/2025	2024		
Diagnostic Test	Currently Waiting	Avg_Wait (Days)	90th Percentile_Wait (Days)	Completed Seen
Endoscopy (Upper)	3,057	43.3	78	6,405
MRI	7,856	70.7	143	23,185

Current new outpatient waiting list records; The average (mean) and 90th percentile days waiting for new outpatient waiting list records completed seen in 2024; Number of new outpatient waiting list records completed seen in 2024.

### Notes

Includes only new outpatient diagnostic waits and tests

Number of tests carried out each day will vary depending on day of the week so have included a yearly total.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved we have used the 90<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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