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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MEMORY ASSESSMENT SERVICE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the memory assessment service.

### Question:

1. The service's annual funding for each of the years 2018-2024 inclusive.
2. The source/s of funding for the service for each of the years 2018-2024 inclusive.

### Answer:

I am advised by our Finance Department that the service teams cannot pull out the staffing for this service separately. The staff that provide this service are embedded within teams that provide other services therefore we are unable to extract the detail requested.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to service funding over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

### Question:

- 3 The total annual number of patients seen by the service for each of the years 2018-2024 inclusive.

### Answer:

Appointment year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
No. of patients seen	851	1,064	1,097	1,365	1,589	1,882	1,749
Please note that the numbers for 2018 might be underestimated due to recording issues.							

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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.

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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