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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DIABETES

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

Question:

1. The number of referrals from a primary care to secondary care setting for type 2 diabetes every calendar year for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Answer:

Year of Referral	Number of Referrals (type 1 and 2)
2019	2,430
2020	2,133
2021	2,512
2022	2,363
2023	2,482
2024	3,327

Question:

2. The number of type 2 diabetic diagnoses every calendar year for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Answer:

Year	Newly diagnosed Type 2
2019	2,639
2020	2,487
2021	3,324
2022	3,831
2023	3,868
2024	3,881

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Question:

3. The current waiting lists for NHS Scotland for type 2 & type 1 diabetes services- displayed separately.

Answer:

The current waiting list is 1,678 (type 1 and 2).

We are unable to distinguish between type 1 and type 2 diabetes and so Q1 and Q3 cover both.

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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