

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOSPITAL AT HOME

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Hospital at Home services in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. The number of patients managed by your Hospital at Home services during 2024?

Answer:

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

Hospital at Home Services, NHS Lothian		
Service	Number of patients	Number of stays
Midlothian	492	715
East Lothian	662	911
West Lothian	1,132	1,555
Edinburgh	1,797	2,232

Question:

2. How many whole time equivalent staff members employed in your hospital at home services on December 2nd 2024?

Answer:

89.5 WTE.

Question:

3. How many whole time equivalent band 3 or 4 support workers employed in your hospital at home services on December 2nd 2024?

Answer:

17.3 WTE Nursing Healthcare Support Workers.

Question:

4. How many whole time equivalent band 5 or 6 nurses employed in your hospital at home services on December 2nd 2024?

Answer:

35.4 WTE.

Question:

5. How many advanced clinical/nurse practitioners employed in your hospital at home services on December 2nd 2024?

Answer:

8.5 WTE

Question:

6. How many recorded days of sickness absence for staff members in hospital at home during 2024?

Answer:

1,329 recorded sick days recorded, equating to 8,108 hours. Please note that shift length can vary. This includes all job families in the Hospital at Home service.

Question:

7. The number of hospital at home staff members with 28 consecutive calendar days of sickness absence?

Answer:

13 people have had one or more episode of 28 days or longer sickness absence in 2024. This includes all job families in the Hospital at Home service.

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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