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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - GYNAECOLOGY REFERRALS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Gynaecology referrals.

Question:

- For the last six calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 [most recent])
 - what is the number of patients referred by GPs to Gynaecology
 - and what is the average waiting time (in days) for treatment for a gynaecology consultation after referral?

Answer:

Year Removed	Referrals by GP	Average Wait (days)
2019	13,158	38.3
2020	9,726	69.9
2021	12,199	71.8
2022	13,623	89.6
2023	13,810	85.8
2024	11,774	108.0

Notes - these figures;

Include all Gynaecology outpatients removed from the waiting list that were referred from GP between 1st Jan 2019 and 31st Dec 2024

Average wait is based on date of addition to date of removal

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. 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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