

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GYNAECOLOGY WAITING TIMES

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

Question:

- Please could you let me know
Are colposcopies being included in the waiting list times Gynaecology - colposcopy, as per NHS Lothian Outpatient Waiting Times?

Answer:

Yes, see link <https://www.nhslothian.scot/yourrights/health-rights-waiting-times/nhs-lothian-outpatient-waiting-times/>

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

Question:

1. How many colposcopy patients have been seen in the period Jun 2024 to May 2025?
2. What was the waiting time in this period, both routine and urgent (as calculated for the NHS Lothian Outpatient Waiting Times)?
3. What is the longest waiting time of any patient currently on the waiting list?

Answer:

| Priority | Patients Seen | Average Wait (days) | 90th Percentile (days) |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 62 days wait Triaged | 113 | 22.1 | 31.6 |
| Not Triaged | 43 | 47.6 | 119.4 |
| Routine | 1,403 | 240.2 | 312.0 |
| Urgent | 708 | 29.7 | 65.0 |

Notes - These figures;

Completed waits for the services: Colposcopy Gynae New Patient, Colposcopy Gynae Urgent New Patient, Colposcopy Gynae Treatment New, Colposcopy Gynae Review

Completed waits only between '01,June,2024' and '31,May,2025' with a status of 'Done')

To protect the identity of the individuals involved the longest wait has been provided in the 90th 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.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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