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Enquiries to loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SEPSIS DEATHS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to sepsis deaths in NHS Lothian.

Question:

For each calendar year from 2019 through the latest available full year (and, if possible, interim data for 2025): The number of patient deaths attributed to sepsis.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below. Final annual figures for 2024 and 2025 are not yet confirmed, so numbers for these years are subject to change.

Sepsis deaths, NHS Lothian	
Year	Number of patient deaths
2019	47
2020	46
2021	60
2022	65
2023	32
2024	31
2025 (interim figures to 30 June 2025)	13

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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