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Enquiries to loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to organ transplants in NHS Lothian.

Question:

In 2024-25 and 2025-26 to date, what is the longest and average waiting times for the follow transplants:

- a. Kidney
- b. Liver
- c. Heart
- d. Lung
- e. Pancreas

Answer:

NHS Lothian carries out kidney, liver and pancreas transplants, but does not carry out heart or lung transplants. Heart transplants take place at the Golden Jubilee Hospital and Lung transplants take place in Newcastle.

Information on waiting times for all organ transplant centres in the UK, broken down by organ and by centre, are published by NHS Blood and Transplant, and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.odt.nhs.uk/statistics-and-reports/organ-specific-reports/>

The most recent data to April 2025 will be published by September 2025.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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