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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PROSTATE CANCER

I write in response to your request for information in relation to prostate cancer.

Question:

1. What percentage of prostate cancer patients met the 62-day treatment standard?
2. Of all prostate cancer patients in this period, what was the median waiting time from referral to treatment?
3. Of all prostate cancer patients in this period, what was the longest time a patient waited from referral to treatment?

Answer:

Information to answer this is publicly available via the following:-

<https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/cancer-waiting-times/cancer-waiting-times-1-january-to-31-march-2025/#:~:text=This%20release%20by%20Public%20Health%20Scotland%20%28PHS%29%20presents,first%20treatment%20by%20quarter%20ending%2031%20March%202025.>

Question:

4. How many consultant urologists were employed by the health board?
5. How many unfilled vacancies did the health board have for consultant urologists?

Answer:

Information to answer this is publicly available via the following TURAS link:-

<https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/official-workforce-statistics/all-official-statistics-publications/03-june-2025-workforce/dashboards/nhs-scotland-workforce/?pageid=14063>

Instructions question 4:

- Go to the employment over time report on the left side
- Select board – NHS Lothian

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Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE  
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*Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board*

- Select job family – Medical and Dental – expand and select Urology
- Select band/grade – Consultant
- Select WTE/Headcount

Instructions question 5:

- Go to the vacancy report on the left side
- Select board – NHS Lothian
- Select Medical & Dental Consultants at the top (view data for)
- Select Urology under Specialty
- Select WTE/Headcount
- Please note that the vacancy definition on TURAS is *“a post which has been cleared for advert after being through the redeployment process (internal or external advert) and remains a vacancy until an individual starts in the post”*.

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.

I hope the publicly available information 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](http://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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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