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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CATH LABS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cath labs within NHS Lothian.

### Question:

- a. The total number of cath labs in your Health Board
- b. The number of cath labs are in each Trust
- c. The age of each cath lab
- d. Any plans to refurbish any of these cath labs
- e. The volumes of private cardiology activity done in these NHS cath labs
- f. Any trusts within the Health Board considering procuring managed cardiology services
- g. Volume of NHS Cath lab and Outpatient Cardiology Activity last three years, broken by HRG code
- h. Volume of Private Activity last three years, broken by CSSD code
- i. Revenue of total NHS cath lab activity, last three years
- j. Revenue of total Private cath lab activity, last three years
- k. Private pricing schedules for all private cardiology activity, cath lab and outpatients
- l. Profit & Loss last three years for private cath lab activity
- m. Waiting list time by HRG code for cath lab procedure as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- n. Waiting list time for New Patient Consultation as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- o. Waiting list time for Cardiac CT as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- p. Waiting list time for Cardiac MRI as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- q. Waiting list time for Transthoracic Echo as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- r. Waiting list time for ambulatory monitor fitting as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025
- s. 12 month and 24 month re-do rate of Atrial Fibrillation procedures
- t. 12, 24 and 36 month Morbidity and Mortality rate for PCI
- u. Residual book value of all cardiac assets in current inventory
- v. Any Outsourced work to IS providers and if so, the volumes of activity you outsource, and the revenue values of outsourced activity, on a line-by-line basis

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name of Lothian Health Board*

Answer:

a.	3
b.	All at Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
c.	2 have been renewed within the last 2 years the other is 10 years old.
d.	Yes there are plans in place to renew the oldest lab.
e.	We have no private activity.
f.	Not applicable
g.	Cath Lab Activity: - 2022/2023 - 5349 Procedures 2023/2024 - 660 Procedures 2024/2025 - 5259 Procedures OP Cardiology Activity 3 Years: - 2022/2023 - 41,206 Outpatient Appointments – 5 NHS Lothian Sites 2023/2024 - 45,924 Outpatient Appointments – 5 NHS Lothian Sites 2024/2025 - 51,942 Outpatient Appointments – 5 NHS Lothian Sites
h.	We have no private activity.
i.	The Cath Labs is funded from Core NHS funding and that we do not run it as an independent part of the hospital so there is no P&L or revenue relating to the NHS Lothian Cath Labs.
j.	
k.	
l.	
	In terms of the “full revenue” we would advise you look at the Cost Book. This will give Cardiology in full as a fully absorbed value rather than direct costs only which you would get from the service and will put private patients in a more realistic context. <a href="#">Files listing for 2023 to 2024 - Scottish health service costs - summary for financial year 2023 to 2024 - Scottish health service costs - Publications - Public Health Scotland</a> It should be noted that we are formula funded in Scotland, and we do not have an activity based funding method for NHS delivery.
m.	Waiting list time by HRG code? for cath lab procedure as of 1st June 2025
n.	463 Patients Currently On Waiting List For Cath Lab Procedure As of 1st June 2025 Average Wait: - 25.1 Weeks Median Wait: - 21.2 Weeks Waiting list time for New Patient Consultation as of 1st June 2025 865 Patients Currently On An Cardiology Outpatient Waiting List As Of 1st June 2025 Average Wait: - 18 Weeks Median Wait: - 17 Weeks
o.	See enclosed - In Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>as a combined cohort:</li> </ul> URGENT - 8.1 weeks ROUTINE - 26.3 weeks LONGEST waiter awaiting another appointment - MRI Heart, ROUTINE waited 60
p.	
q.	
r.	

	to 65 weeks • TOTAL Waiting List Size - 643 at INITIAL; 38 booked in this cohort.  Please note above are AVERAGES.
s.	3-4 weeks across the sites
t.	12, 24 and 36 month Morbidity and Mortality rate for PCI – Last 3 Years (6201 PCI Procedures) 12 Months: - 315 Deceased Within 12 Months 5.08% of Overall PCI Procedures 24 Months: - 59 Deceased Within 24 Months 0.95% of Overall PCI Procedures 36 Months: - 22 Deceased Within 36 Months 0.35% of Overall PCI Procedure
u.	As at 01 July 2025 the net book value of all capital assets within Cardiology is £3,002,817
v.	No applicable

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](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.

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Yours sincerely

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Consultant Priority			Values					
			Urgent		Routine		Total Count of UHPI Number	Total Average of Wait (WEEKS)
Modality	List Type	Service	Count of UHPI Number	Average of Wait (WEEKS)	Count of UHPI Number	Average of Wait (WEEKS)		
CT	CRIC CT (RIE)	CT Angiography for TAVI workup	1	5.3	10	24.5	11	22.7
		CT Cardiac Angiogram Coronary	2	12.1	18	25.0	20	23.7
	CRIC CT (RIE) Total		3	9.9	28	24.8	31	23.4
CT Total			3	9.9	28	24.8	31	23.4
MRI	MRI (RIE)	Cardiac MRI Perfusion Study			1	26.9	1	26.9
		MRI Cardiac Myocardial Viability	2	5.4	4	36.4	6	26.0
	MRI (RIE) Total		2	5.4	5	34.5	7	26.2
MRI Total			2	5.4	5	34.5	7	26.2
			5	8.1	33	26.3	38	23.9
			5	8.1	33	26.3	38	23.9