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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VASCULAR DEVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to vascular devices.

Question:

- Information requested in respect of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICC):
Volume inserted in calendar year 2024?
What proportion are inserted:
Under fluoroscopy?
At the bed side?
Other?

Answer:

PARAMETERS & SUMMARY	
Type of Data	Examinations
Period of Time	01/01/24-31/12/24
Modality	Angiography
Order Item	PICC Line Insertion
Hospital Location	All Lothian hospitals

Count of Order Item 2024													
Modality	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Angiography	40	38	31	28	32	*	21	12	7	16	12	17	*
PICC Line Insertion	40	38	31	28	32	*	21	12	7	16	12	17	*
RIE	38	38	29	25	31	14	20	12	5<	16	12	16	*
Main X - Ray Room 1		5<								5<			5<
Main X - Ray Room 9			5<	5<	6								*
Theatre (Vasc)										5<			5<

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Vascular GE	24	20	20	16	16	12	11	7	5<	9	5<	11	151
Vascular SM	11	5<	5<	5<	9	5<	6	5<			5<	5<	48
Vascular SM (ZEE)	5<	13	5<	6			5<		5<	5<	6	5<	46
WGH	5<		5<	5<	5<		5<		5<			5<	12
Radiology Interventional Theatre	5<		5<	5<	5<		5<		5<			5<	12
Total	40	38	31	28	32	*	21	12	7	16	12	17	*

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown 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). *For the same reason combined figures have not been included

Question:

- Information requested in respect of Midline Catheters:
Volume inserted in calendar year 2024?
What proportion are inserted:
Under fluoroscopy?
At the bed side?
Other?

Answer:

I am advised that this information is not held in a centrally extractable format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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