

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – THEATRE SESSIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to theatre hours and sessions in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Can you provide the following for the financial years 2014/15 to 2024/25 (11 financial years)

1. On theatre hours: the total a) available theatre hours; b) used theatre hours; and c) unused theatre hours (unused hours counts gaps between patients, late starts, early finishes & unused sessions).

Answer:

Please note that the figures we have provided in this response differ from the figures provided in the response to your previous request (ref. 9652). This is because the previous data provided did not include the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, and this has been rectified in the data provided here. I apologise for this mistake in the previous response.

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Theatre hours, NHS Lothian			
Year	Available hours	Used hours	Unused hours
2014-15	82,204	68,307	13,897
2015-16	80,094	67,796	12,298
2016-17	78,937	66,538	12,399
2017-18	78,803	65,551	13,252
2018-19	80,787	67,347	13,440
2019-20	77,815	63,785	14,030
2020-21	60,659	44,562	16,097
2021-22	71,878	49,690	22,188
2022-23	79,810	56,678	23,132
2023-24	83,069	62,679	20,390
2024-25	82,450	64,697	17,753

Question:

2. On theatre sessions: the total a) available theatre sessions; b) used theatre sessions; and c) unused theatre sessions.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Theatre sessions, NHS Lothian			
Year	Available sessions	Used sessions	Unused sessions
2014-15	22,417	20,944	1,473
2015-16	22,186	20,484	1,702
2016-17	22,032	20,307	1,725
2017-18	22,584	20,184	2,400
2018-19	22,971	20,826	2,145
2019-20	22,676	19,988	2,688
2020-21	17,221	14,818	2,403
2021-22	21,474	16,869	4,605
2022-23	22,922	18,994	3,928
2023-24	22,615	20,255	2,360
2024-25	22,675	20,357	2,318

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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