

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP WORKFORCE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the GP workforce in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Could you provide the number of GPs (WTE) who worked at the following GP practices each financial year from 2013 to 2024:

1. Braids Medical Practice - (Practice Code 70075)
2. Inch Park Surgery - (Practice Code 70921)
3. Bruntsfield Medical Practice - (Practice Code 70323)
4. Grange Medical Group - (Practice Code 70412)
5. Southern Medical Group - (Practice Code 70588)
6. Craiglockhart Medical Group - (Practice Code 70610)
7. Dr A Comiskey and Partners (Conan Doyle) - (Practice Code 70639)
8. Marchmont Medical practice - (Practice Code 70766) (as this practice is no longer active, please provide 2013-closure)
9. Morningside Medical Practice - (Practice Code 70790)
10. Braefoot Medical Practice - (Practice Code 70893)
11. Slateford Medical Practice - (Practice Code 70997)
12. Polwarth Medical Practice - (Practice Code 71011)
13. Hermitage Medical Practice - (Practice Code 71449) (as this practice was not active in 2013, please provide the figure from opening-2025)

In addition, please provide the number of WTE GP's per 10,000 people in NHS Lothian for each financial year 2013-2024.

Answer:

As most GP practices are independent contractors, NHS Lothian does not hold information on the number of GPs employed by each practice. You may be able to request this information direct from each GP practice.

Braefoot Medical Practice and Polwarth Medical Practice are both 2c GP practices run directly by NHS Lothian. Both practices became 2c in 2018-17 and since then the establishment number of GPs has been as follows:

Braefoot Medical Practice: 5.33 WTE
Polwarth Medical Practice: 4.49 WTE

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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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