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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STILLBIRTHS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to stillbirths.

Question:

- In every year since 2020/21, in maternity units in your health board, what is:
 1. The average time it has taken for stillbirth reports to be submitted after the death?

Answer:

The table below details the average time it has taken for still birth to be reported on our adverse event reporting and management system, within NHS Lothian maternity units after a death for the financial year 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2025.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Average time (Days)	28	25	4	9	4

Question:

2. The longest time it has taken for stillbirth reports to be submitted after the death?

Answer:

The table below details the longest time it has taken for stillbirth reports (adverse events) to be submitted (reported) in NHS Lothian maternity units after a death for the financial year 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2025.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Longest time	177	205	23	68	56

I hope the information provided helped 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

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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