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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOSPITAL BED COSTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hospital bed costs.

Question:

- Under Freedom of Information can you please advise the cost you attribute to having a hospital bed available ( an average of all disciplines please?) on a 24 hour basis?

Answer:

[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](#)

On the link “All download report files 2023-24” you can get cost per day by specialty. There is not anything that specifically gives an average of all specialties, and having one would not produce any meaningful information.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002  
- Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the publicly available information 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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