

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LAPAROSCOPY PROCEDURES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to laparoscopy procedures.

Question:

- For each financial year from 2019/20 to 2025/26 (most recent):
 1. The total number of laparoscopy procedures performed on women
 2. The median completed wait (**in days**) for a laparoscopy procedure performed on women
 3. The longest completed wait (**in days**) for a laparoscopy procedure performed on women
 4. The median ongoing wait (**in days**) for a laparoscopy procedure performed on women
 5. The longest ongoing wait (**in days**) for a laparoscopy procedures performed on women

Answer:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26 (Nov)
1.	813	455	572	629	442	492	169
2.	181.5	262.9	301.2	328.7	330.2	198.5	52.5
3.	We are not able to provide the longest waiting time as this could lead to the identification of the individual patients involved. 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). The average over the 7 year period is 670.						
4.	-	-	-	-	808	419	132
5.	-	-	-	-	821	667	303



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.

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Yours sincerely

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