

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MEDICAL SPECIALTY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to medical specialty.

Question:

1. How many doctors are on a SAS contract, broken down by medical specialty?
2. How many are doctors are on specialist doctor contracts, broken down by medical specialty?
3. How many doctors are on specialty doctor contracts, broken down by medical specialty?
4. How many doctors are on associate specialists, broken down by medical specialty?
5. How many doctors are on a staff grade contract, broken down by medical specialty?

Answer:

I am advised that all but the last question (question 6) can be answered with a turas link, see below link and instructions.

<https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/official-workforce-statistics/all-official-statistics-publications/02-december-2025-workforce/dashboards/nhs-scotland-workforce/?pageid=15193>

Instructions in post:

- Go to the employment over time report on the left side
- Select board – NHS Lothian
- Select job family – Medical and Dental – expand and select specialty.
- Select band/grade
- Select WTE/Headcount

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.

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Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board

Question:

6. How many doctors are employed in the Trust that are not in a formal training programme or on a SAS or consultant contract, broken down by medical specialty?

Answer:

Clinical Fellows	Headcount
Acute	6
Children & Young People Services	6
Critical Care	9
Dermatology	2
Edinburgh - Hospital Care Homes	5
Imaging - Radiology	1
Medicine (various sites)	88
Mental Health	3
Older people - Hospital Services	2
Ophthalmology	1
Rd General Medicine	1
Surgery (various sites)	53
West Lothian React Hub	2
Cancer	15
Women Services	7
Total	201

GPs	Headcount
Section 2C practices	58
Out Of Hours	159
Various other areas	48
Total	265

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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