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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NURSING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to nurse staffing.

Question:

1. Please state how many full-time (FT) equivalent registered nurses your health board employs at the following banding levels:

Answer:

Question 1 and 3 can be answered with a link to Turas [NHS Scotland workforce | Turas Data Intelligence](#) and the below instructions.

Instructions

- Go to the employment over time report on the left side
- Select board – expand region - NHS Lothian
- Select job family - Nursing & Midwifery
- Select Band/grade – expand qualified select band(s)
- Select WTE/Headcount
- Please note that the vacancy definition on TURAS is “a post which has been cleared for advert after being through the redeployment process (internal or external advert) and remains a vacancy until an individual starts in the post”.

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.

Question:

2. (i) If known, please state how many FT equivalent clinical nurse specialists your health board employs both now and in 2022, please show by AfC band if possible:

(ii) Areas of clinical practice covered (if it is possible to provide this info):

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Mainpoint
102 West Port
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Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox
Lothian NHS Board is the common
name of Lothian Health Board

Answer:

(i) Number of clinical nurse specialists employed at present time (at band?)	Number of clinical nurse specialists employed in 2022 (at band?)
162.8 WTE (October 2025)	No access to historical data from 2022.

(ii) Specialty
Allergy
Anaesthetics
Cancer
Cardiology
Dermatology
Emergency medicine
Endocrine
Gastroenterology
General surgery
Haematology
Immunology
Infection control
Infectious diseases
Learning disability
Mental health
Neurology
Neurosurgery
Older people
Orthopaedics
Paediatrics
Palliative care
Plastic surgery
Public health
Renal
Respiratory
Rheumatology
Tissue viability
Urology
Vascular/vascular disease

Question:

3. Finally, please state how many FT equivalent nurses your health board currently employs:

Answer:

See response to question 1.

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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