

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEURODEVELOPMENTAL**

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

Question:

- Can I request, broken down by the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025:
  1. The **total number of referrals** for a neurodevelopmental condition assessment.
  2. The **median completed wait** for a neurodevelopmental condition assessment.
  3. The **median ongoing wait** for a neurodevelopmental condition assessment.
  4. The **longest completed wait** for a neurodevelopmental condition assessment.
  5. The **longest ongoing wait** for a neurodevelopmental condition assessment.

Answer:

**Referrals for a Neurodevelopmental Assessment**

	Referral Year		
	2023	2024	2025
Children & Young people	3,712	4,250	3,960
Adults	3,134	3,206	2,948

**Median Completed Wait**

	Year seen		
	2023	2024	2025
Children & Young people	84	82	125
Adults	47	62	165

Median wait (weeks) from Referral to Assessment



**Median Ongoing Wait**

	Median wait (weeks)
Children & Young people	92
Adults	99

Median wait (weeks) for CYP & Adults currently waiting

**Notes:**

Due to changes in how Neurodevelopmental assessments were previously recorded we are only able to provide accurate data from January 2023 onwards.

We cannot provide the longest wait time as this is highly identifiable. We consider this information exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.

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](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.

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

Yours sincerely

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