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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CPAP MACHINES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to CPAP machines.

Question:

1. How many CPAP machines NHS Lothian receive per month from April 2024

Answer:

There were 120 CPAP devices funded for month: routine and urgent patients (April 2024- November 2024), only urgent patients from December 2024- till now (additional funding was received for routine set ups in September 2025 - 100 CPAPs)

Question:

2. How many are given out

Answer:

There were 30 PAP on average per week

Question:

3. How many of these were to residents in East Lothian

Answer:

CPAP devices are distributed according to clinical urgency and waiting list order rather than postcode

Question:

4. How many people are on the list still waiting and what the longest waiting time for a machine is now .

Answer:

The number of patients on waiting list 1,200, with al longest wait between 90 and 100 weeks.

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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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