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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PROSTATE CANCER

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Prostate Cancer.

Question:

1. How many patients have been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer (ICD-10 code = C61) in the past 12 months?
2. How many patients have been diagnosed with Localised Prostate Cancer (meaning the cancer is contained within the prostate and has not spread elsewhere, T1 or T2 on the TNM staging scale) in the past 12 months?
3. How many patients with Prostate Cancer (C61) do you have in the following risk categories based on the Cambridge Prognostic Group (CPG)
Low risk prostate cancer - CPG 1
 - Grade Group 1 (Gleason score of 6)
 - and a PSA level less than 10 ng/ml
 - and a T stage of 1 or 2Medium risk prostate cancer CPG 2 and CPG 3
 - Grade Group 2 or 3 (Gleason score of 7)
 - or a PSA level between 10 and 20 ng/ml
 - and a T stage of 1 or 2High risk prostate cancer - CPG 4 and CPG 5.
 - Grade Group 4 (previously called a Gleason score of 8 - 10)
 - PSA level higher than 20 ng/ml
 - T stage of 3 or 4
4. How many patients with Localised Prostate Cancer are currently under Active Surveillance as recommended in NHS England Guidelines for the Management of Prostate Cancer?

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Answer:

We cannot provide data concerning prostate cancer diagnoses for the specified time period as there is a natural lag in this data being collected in the cancer registry.

I must advise that at this time we do not hold data in a centrally extractible format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

Question:

5. How many Prostatectomy procedures have been carried out in your Trust or organisation in the past 12- months?
6. How many Prostatectomy procedures have been carried out on patient with High-risk prostate cancer - CPG 4 and CPG 5 in your Trust or organisation in the past 12-months?

Answer:

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Number of Procedures
M61	Total excision of prostate	152
M62	Other excision of prostate	12
M64	Endoscopic excision of prostate	20

Counts of procedures taken from theatre data where the theatre date is between 01/02/2025 and 31/01/2026. The variable 'Procedure(s) complete with OPCS4 codes' was matched against the provided OPCS codes to get the final counts.

Question:

7. How many patients with Prostate Cancer (ICD-10 code = C61) are currently being treated with the following hormone therapies?
8. How many patients with Localised Prostate Cancer are currently being treated with the following hormone therapies?



Answer:

As above we cannot provide data concerning prostate cancer diagnoses for the specified time period as there is a natural lag in this data being collected in the cancer registry. Section 12 – cost.

Question:

9. How many External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) procedures have been carried out on patients with Prostate Cancer (C61) in the past 12-months?

Answer:

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Number of Patients
X64.4	Delivery of a fraction of external beam radiotherapy	705

Question:

10. How many Brachytherapy procedures have been carried out on patients with Prostate Cancer in the past 12-months?

Answer:

For 2025, there was 19 HDR Prostate and 63 LDR Prostate treatments delivered.

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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