

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STAFFING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to staffing and acquired brain injured.

Question:

- I am writing from the Scottish Acquired Brain Injury Network, and wish to enquire about the number of staff (in WTE) who support acquired brain injured (ABI) patients across NHS Lothian.

In particular I wish to understand the total numbers in the following disciplines:

- Consultants
- Non-consultant career grade doctors
- AHP consultants
- Physiotherapy (all grades)
- Occupational therapy (all grades)
- Speech and language therapists
- Neuropsychologists
- Nursing
- Healthcare support workers (HCSW)
- Dietetics
- Rehab support workers
- Team leaders
- Admin support

We appreciate that these titles may vary, and staff will treat other diagnoses as well as ABI however we are simply looking to have an overview of staffing.

Answer:

I am advised that it is almost impossible to give the details requested since the majority of the staff work with patients with a variety of neurological condition not just acquired brain injuries.



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 staffing and workload 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.

I am sorry I cannot help 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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