

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MATERNITY DEPARTMENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to maternity departments.

Question:

- How much in total was spent by maternity departments you are responsible for, for each calendar year dating back to 2016? Including all staffing, equipment and other costs.
 - The preference is for calendar years, but if the information is more easily recovered by financial years and converting to calendar years would make the request exceed the Section 12 cost limit, delivering the data by financial year would be okay.
 - Likewise, if it would exceed the Section 12 cost limit to extract data beyond a certain year, providing data for as many years as would not exceed the limit would be okay.

Answer:

All Women's Services

Spend category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Staffing	39,504,229	40,552,888	42,073,347	45,123,975	47,608,686
Equipment	419,901	352,096	426,333	581,430	584,102
Other costs	4,324,348	4,063,481	3,927,821	3,748,115	3,731,885
Total	44,248,479	44,968,465	46,427,500	49,453,520	51,924,673

Spend category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Staffing	52,449,549	54,494,054	59,312,005	65,079,448	65,563,680
Equipment	806,736	521,725	461,323	658,387	413,151
Other costs	4,812,009	5,176,786	5,700,152	6,804,474	4,124,060
Total	58,068,293	60,192,565	65,473,481	72,542,309	70,100,891

Maternity Services

Spend category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Staffing	24,003,843	23,830,656	24,769,046	26,911,360	27,771,277
Equipment	208,985	133,289	202,861	323,347	384,283

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Other costs	2,031,069	1,698,044	2,175,952	1,435,101	1,709,154
Total	26,243,897	25,661,988	27,147,859	28,669,809	29,864,714

Spend category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Staffing	30,482,281	32,512,681	37,875,569	41,151,548	41,613,199
Equipment	387,261	297,671	169,148	268,594	287,030
Other costs	2,065,279	2,256,381	2,216,750	2,361,521	1,884,502
Total	32,934,822	35,066,733	40,261,466	43,781,662	43,784,732

Question:

- How many cycles of IVF treatment do you offer to eligible patients?

Answer:

We offer up to 3 fresh cycles of NHS funded IVF for patients who meet the national criteria ([document found here](#)). This means up to 3 egg collections and includes the fresh embryo transfer and the thawing of transfer of any suitable embryos frozen from each egg collection.

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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