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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WAITING TIMES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to waiting times.

Question:

- Under the Freedom of Information Act please tell me how long the waiting list is for people to have neuro-psychological tests - Edinburgh only. Specifically, I am interested in the waiting time for people thought to have neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer's or other dementias,
 - What is the longest time someone on such a list has had to wait?
 - How many people are on the list?

Answer:

There are currently 584 New Patients on the Edinburgh memory Assessment waiting list.

The median wait for those currently waiting is 20 weeks

We cannot provide detail in relation to the individual longest wait as this is highly identifiable and is therefore considered 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. 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.

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Yours sincerely

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