

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEURODEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to neurodevelopment assessment in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Pls outline the number of children currently waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment in your health board.

Answer:

There are 11,148 children on the CAMHS Neurodevelopmental waiting list as of 23/01/2026

Question:

2. Pls outline the current median wait (in days/weeks) for the original assessment of any condition.

Answer:

The median wait for those seen by CAMHS Neurodevelopmental teams in the past six months: 129 weeks.

Question:

3. Pls outline the longest waiting time (in days/weeks) for a child to get a neurodevelopmental assessment in your health board.

Answer:

We are not able to give the longest waiting time as this could lead to the identification of the individual patient involved. Since we do not have their consent to release their personal data, the information is exempt under section 38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as to provide it would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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