

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WALK IN CLINICS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to walk in clinics.

Question:

1. How many weekly GPs shifts / Full time equivalent GPs are engaged in the first of the GP walk-in centres opened today?
2. From where were the GPs recruited / moved to make up this complement of shifts?
3. How many GPs are appointed on a full time (more than 6 month) basis for this GP walk-in centre?
4. How many GP shifts will be used in the first year of these centres?
5. From where will the GPs be recruited?
6. How many GPs have already been engaged for the 14 centres?

Answer:

1.	7shifts - 1x 8 hour shift per day
2.	GPs were recruited from within Lothian Unscheduled Care Service (LUCS), the managing service for the GP Walk In Clinic. No staff were moved, they were offered and accepted additional contracts
3.	5 for the 12 months of the project within NHS Lothian, all of whom work part time hours
4.	357 within NHS Lothian
5.	As above for Lothian, unknown for other Boards
6.	5 for NHS Lothian, but unknown for other Boards as they will be recruiting their own staff

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

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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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