

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – BIRTHS

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

Question:

1. The total number of live births recorded at your trust for the year 2025
2. The total number of stillbirths recorded at your trust for the year 2025
(Stillbirths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: a baby born after 24 weeks of pregnancy showing no signs of life.)
3. The total number of neonatal deaths recorded at your trust for the year 2025
(Neonatal deaths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: The death of a liveborn baby within the first 28 days of life.)

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Still births and neonatal deaths, NHS Lothian, 2025	
Total births	7,809
Stillbirths	33
Neonatal deaths	14

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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