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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – A&E ATTENDANCES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to A&E attendances.

Question:

- Please provide the total number of **A&E attendances** by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address due to heat related illness.

Please provide data for the following time periods:

1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Answer:

I am advised that we do not hold any data in relation to heated related illness and no fixed abode, as per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information. SNOMED CT codes is not used in Lothian. A search was conducted for diagnosis codes within the A&E data, and no records relevant to heat related illness were identified among A&E attendances for individuals recorded as No Fixed Abode/Address during the specified time period.

I am sorry I cannot help 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](http://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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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.

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Yours sincerely

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