

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STOLEN ITEMS**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to stolen items.

Question:

- To ask for a list of items that have been reported as stolen from hospitals, health centres and any other NHS building in your area.

Could this list please be provided for the following years.

- o 2023
- o 2024
- o 2025

Answer:

The table below details the total number of adverse events reported on DATIX under the Category Security and Sub Category Theft for the financial years 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2025. The data is broken down by Sub Category.

|                         | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Theft - from Patient    | 22    |
| Theft - from Contractor | ≤5    |
| Theft - from NHS        | 23    |
| Theft - from Staff      | 26    |
| Theft - from Visitor    | ≤5    |

Further detail is not held in an extractable format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

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To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach 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 [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.

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.nhslotian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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