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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HAEMODIALYSIS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to haemodialysis.

Question:

### 1. **Current in-centre haemodialysis patient numbers**

Please provide the total number of patients receiving in-centre haemodialysis in the most recent complete available month for each dialysis unit in your area by name.

Please also provide for each dialysis unit in your area by name the number of these patients prescribed:

- Two haemodialysis sessions per week
- Three haemodialysis sessions per week
- Any other frequency of haemodialysis (please specify frequency categories used)

### 2. **Two haemodialysis sessions per week**

For the total number of patients prescribed two in-centre haemodialysis sessions per week (the total at point 1a above) please provide the total number who:

- Didn't originally start dialysis on two sessions per week and have since transitioned to 2 sessions per week.
- Started on two sessions per week due to renal unit capacity issues.
- Started on two sessions per week due to other reasons

### 3. **Historical monthly patient numbers**

Please provide the data requested in Question 1 for each of the last twelve complete calendar months.

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the enclosed spreadsheet. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their

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

Yours sincerely

**ALISON MACDONALD**  
**Executive Director, Nursing**  
Cc: Chief Executive

Year	RIE Total	RIE 2 x week	RIE 3 x week	WGH Total	WGH 2 x week	WGH 3 x week	SJH Total	SJH 2 x week	SJH 3 x week	BGH Total	BGH 2 x week	BGH 3 x week
May-26	170	41	133	64	10	54	60	12	48	38	14	24
Apr-26	168	39	129	64	12	54	60	12	48	38	14	24
Mar-26	166	39	127	68	13	55	60	11	49	36	12	24
Feb-26	164	41	123	67	12	55	60	10	50	37	12	25
Jan-26	162	40	122	66	10	56	60	8	52	36	11	25
Dec-25	163	39	124	66	10	56	60	7	53	37	11	26
Nov-25	162	38	124	67	11	56	60	7	53	37	10	27
Oct-25	157	34	123	66	11	55	60	7	53	38	10	28
Sep-25	152	31	121	64	11	53	61	7	54	37	9	28
Aug-25	147	32	115	64	9	53	60	6	54	39	8	31
Jul-25	146	31	115	64	9	53	60	6	54	38	8	30
Jun-25	151	33	118	65	9	56	60	5<	55	41	9	32