

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SAERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Significant Adverse Events Reviews.

Question:

- I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for the number Significant Adverse Events Reviews taken place in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

With a breakdown of each year & each medical area.

Answer:

There were 510 'Level 1' Significant Adverse Event Reviews commissioned in NHS Lothian for the period 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2025. Reviews are ongoing for 69 of these adverse events.

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Level 1 SAE Review | 86 | 86 | 116 | 87 | 81 | 54 |

Note - we did not classify as Category 1 Significant Adverse Events until January 2020, hence no data is provided for 2016 to 2019.

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. 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.

Headquarters
Mainpoint
102 West Port
Edinburgh EH3 9DN

Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox
Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board



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