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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DIABETES

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

Question:

- I am requesting, for each of the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26:
- How many patients were receiving Diabetes treatment consumables, including insulin pump therapy and continuous glucose monitoring?

Answer:

This data is for secondary care funded Insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) together these create a closed loop system (CLS). These figures do not include CGM which is available on primary care prescription.

The secondary care funded CMG is used to provide closed loop technology for people with an insulin pump or on occasion for people who meet specific criteria for funded standalone CGM treatment. In the last 2 - 3 years the landscape around CMG has changed with devices available on primary care prescription now providing functionality to support a hybrid CLS with specific insulin pumps.

Annual snapshot data

Year	Insulin pump	CGM
April 2022	1189	154
April 2023	1472	334
April 2024	1607	540
April 2025	1878	885
April 2026	2168	986

Question:

- In each of those years, how many patients had their provision of Diabetes treatment consumables discontinued or suspended? If possible, please break this down by reason,

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including but not limited to: clinical decision, patient choice, equipment failure, funding/budget constraints, consumables supply issues, or transition to a different therapy.

Answer:

The Diabetes Service do not collect or hold this data. We would have to carry out a new piece of work to identify this, and it would take us over the £600 threshold set out by the act – Section 12 cost

Question:

3. What is the total spend by NHS Lothian on Diabetes treatment consumables in each of the financial years?

Answer:

Financial Year	2021 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2024 £'000	2025 £'000	2026 YTD at M2 £'000
Diabetes treatment consumables	5,953	4,023	5,186	7,394	9,330	1,4

Question:

4. How many patients are currently on a waiting list or have been assessed as clinically eligible for Diabetes treatment consumables but have not yet received them, as of the most recent date for which data is available?

Answer:

In May 2026. There are 1,129 patients on the waiting list for with an additional 61 on a waiting list for CGM that would support a CLS

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.

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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