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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PAEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE UNIT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to NHS Lothian's Paediatric Critical Care Unit.

Question:

I am looking for the average number of available and occupied beds at the paediatric critical care unit at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for 2025.

Answer:

Edinburgh's Paediatric Critical Care Unit is at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People.

For 2025, the average (mean) occupied beds per day was 11.62. There are 19 beds in the unit in total: 10 Paediatric Critical Care beds; 6 Paediatric HDU; and 3 Neonatal beds.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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