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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HYBRID CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hybrid closed loop systems.

Question:

1. How many patients under the care of NHS Lothian are waiting for access to hybrid closed loop systems, for the management of diabetes

Answer:

On the 29th of June there are 1,330 on the waiting list for a closed loop system (CLS) and 61 patients waiting for Secondary care funded Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for provide a closed loop system for people already on an insulin pump.

Question:

2. What is the average wait-time for access to a hybrid closed loop system once placed on the waiting list, in months.

Answer:

18.5 Months

Question:

3. How much did NHS Lothian spend on access to hybrid closed loop systems in the following financial years:

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

2026/27

Answer:

Financial Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 YTD at M2
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Diabetes treatment consumables	5,953	4,023	5,186	7,394	9,330	1,435

Question:

4. How much Scottish Government ring-fenced funding for hybrid closed-loop system access did NHS Lothian receive in the following financial years?

23/24

24/25

25/26

26/27

Answer:

Year	Funding
2023/24	£0
2024/25	£633,294
2025/26	£1,994,540
2026/27	£1,994,540

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.

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Yours sincerely

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