

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LEARNING DISABILITY ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to learning disability annual health checks in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. The number of people with a learning disability that the health board recognises as eligible for a health check.

Answer:

The estimated total number of eligible people is 3,975.

Question:

2. The number of those people with a learning disability who have been offered a health check to present date. Please also provide the number as a % of overall number of people.

Answer:

2,624 appointments have been offered to date, this is 66% of the total.

Question:

3. The number of those people who have received a health check upon accepting an offer to present date. Please also provide the number as a % of overall number of people.

Answer:

1,670 health checks have been completed to date, this is 42% of the total.

Question:

4. The number of eligible people who have not (i) been offered one health check since the checks began (ii) accepted one health check since the checks began. Please also provide the number as a % of overall number of people.

Answer:

This information is not collected centrally. Information may be held in individual patient records, but in order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to review each patient record over the period you have specified, requiring significant resources. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, NHS Lothian is not

required to respond to your request if the resources required to do so equate to more than £600 in cost.

**Question:**

5. The total amount of money the health board has received from the Scottish Government in each financial year since the inception of checks to provide health check to people with learning disabilities.

**Answer:**

Funding was provided by the Scottish Government to NHS Lothian for onward distribution to the four Integration Joint Boards in East Lothian, Edinburgh, Midlothian and West Lothian. Details are in the table below:

| <b>Learning Disabilities Health Check funding from Scottish Government to NHS Lothian</b> |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Year</b>                                                                               | <b>Funding amount</b> |
| 2022/23                                                                                   | £299,409              |
| 2023/24                                                                                   | £299,409              |
| 2024/25                                                                                   | £279,303              |
| 2025/26                                                                                   | £279,303              |

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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