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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SEXUAL ASSAULTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to sexual assaults.

Question:

1. How many reports of sexual assault in an NHS hospital in your health board were made in 2025-26?

Answer:

1 st January 2025 to 16 th July 2026	
Number of sexual assaults reported	14

Question:

2. How many reports of rape in an NHS hospital in your health board were made in 2025-26?

Answer:

1 st January 2025 to 16 th July 2026	
Number of rapes reported	6

Question:

3. If possible, at which hospitals the reported incidents took place and how many incidents took place at each hospital, without revealing any sensitive data.

Answer:

Number of Events Reported 1 st January 2025 to 16 th July 2026	
Royal Edinburgh Hospital	11
Other Sites in NHS Lothian, <5 events per site	9

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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