

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MEDICAL WORKFORCE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to NHS Lothian's medical workforce.

Question:

Please could you provide the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers for the following medical staffing categories within your Health Board:

- a) Consultants
- b) Associate Specialists (or the current equivalent grade under the SAS contract reform)
- c) Specialty Doctors
- d) Foundation Year 1 (FY1) and Foundation Year 2 (FY2) Doctors (either separately or combined)

Please provide this data annually for the years 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Answer:

This information is published online by NHS Scotland at the following link:
<https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/data-and-reports/official-workforce-statistics/all-official-statistics-publications/02-june-2026-workforce/dashboards/nhs-scotland-workforce/?pageid=16255>

Please follow the instructions below to filter the data you have requested:

- Go to the employment over time report on the left side.
- Select board – expand East and select NHS Lothian.
- Select job family – Medical and Dental (expand to select specialty).
- Select band/grade – Expand Resident Doctors to find FY1 and FY2 Doctors, expand Staff and Associate Specialist Grades to find Speciality Doctor.
- Select WTE/Headcount.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

- (1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

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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