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Our Ref 11839

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VASECTOMY

I write in response to your request for information in relation Vasectomy waits.

Question:

- For each financial year from 2019/20 to 2026/27 (most recent):
 1. the total number of referrals for a Vasectomy
 2. the median completed wait (**in days**) for a Vasectomy
 3. the longest completed waited (**in days**) for a Vasectomy
 4. the median ongoing wait (**in days**) for a Vasectomy
 5. the longest ongoing wait (**in days**) for a Vasectomy

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018). We cannot provide individual longest waits for the same reason.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Enc.

Vasectomy WTs- FOI11839

Questions: For each financial year from 2019/20 to 2026/27 (most recent):

1. the total number of referrals for a Vasectomy
2. the median completed wait (in days) for a Vasectomy
3. the longest completed waited (in days) for a Vasectomy
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Source: TRAK ORACLE **Please note that this analysis comes from a LIVE System - if this analysis were to be re-run at a later date the figures may be subject to change.*

Date Extracted: 7th Sep 2026

Answers:

Referrals (Inpatients)

FINANCIAL_YEAR_ADDED	Referrals
2019/20	30
2020/21	18
2021/22	7
2022/23	14
2023/24	9
2024/25	8
2025/26	7
2026/27*	0

Completed Waits (Inpatients)

FINANCIAL_YEAR	COMPLETED WAITS	MEDIAN WAIT (DAYS)
2019/20	32	101.5
2020/21	7	347
2021/22	5<	522
2022/23	17	835
2023/24	19	640
2024/25	3	610
2025/26	20	475
2026/27*	5<	373

Current Waits (Inpatients)

PATIENTS WAITING	MEDIAN WAIT (DAYS)
53	214

Referrals (Outpatients)

FINANCIAL_YEAR_ADDED	Referrals
2019/20	1063
2020/21	493
2021/22	1058
2022/23	1291
2023/24	1193
2024/25	573
2025/26	24
2026/27*	5<

Completed Waits (Outpatients)

FINANCIAL_YEAR	COMPLETED WAITS	MEDIAN WAIT (DAYS)
2019/20	819	180
2020/21	720	230.5
2021/22	485	372
2022/23	1062	345
2023/24	876	418
2024/25	832	518
2025/26	1278	582
2026/27*	34	560

Current Waits (Outpatients)

PATIENTS WAITING	MEDIAN WAIT (DAYS)
1859	354

Notes

Referrals to the waiting list are those added to the list between '01,Apr,2019' and '31,Aug,2026'

Completed waits from the waiting list are those marked as done and removed from the list between '01,Apr,2019' and '31,Aug,2026'

Current Waits are those still on the waiting list on date of data extraction

Cannot provide longest wait as this would disclose sensitive data

Includes waits (inpatients) where the Local Procedure was 'Excision of Vans Deferens'

Includes waits (new outpatients) where the Service was one of the following;

Sexual Health Vasectomy Operation New

Sexual Health Vasectomy Assessment New

Outpatient vasectomy operations are typically performed after the initial assessment. In some cases, patients return after assessment for an additional pre-op appointment before surgery