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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW - URINARY RETENTION

I write in response to your request for review of NHS Lothian's response to your Freedom of Information request about urinary retention. Having discussed your request and our response of 8 August 2026, I can respond as follows:

Original Request and Response:

Question:

- Does your health board record the time from an admission for urinary retention in males (R.33X) to the point at which these patients undergo the following OPCS coded episodes of bladder outflow obstruction surgery? If it does, please confirm which of the OPCS coded surgeries it records this information for:

| Procedure Title                             | Code(s)       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| TURP                                        | M65.3         |
| Monopolar and bipolar TURP                  | M65.3 + Y10.2 |
| Bladder Neck Incision (electrocautery)      | M66.2 + Y10.2 |
| Bladder Neck Incision (Holmium laser)       | M66.2 + Y08.6 |
| Holmium laser enucleation of prostate HoLEP | M65.4 + Y05.6 |
| Greenlight laser vaporisation (PVP)         | M65.4 + Y10.4 |
| Rezum steam therapy                         | M65.6         |
| Urolift                                     | M68.3         |
| Aqua ablation of prostate                   | M65.8         |
| Open prostatectomy (for benign disease)     | M61.-         |

Answer:

I am advised that while we do record with the diagnosis code R.33X against inpatient discharges the detail is not recorded in a centrally extractable format.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form

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and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

**Review Request:**

I am emailing to request a review of the response you gave to Q2. I appreciate the information you provided answers Q1. but it does not clearly provide an answer to Q2.

Could you please confirm if NHS Lothian does record the time from an admission for urinary retention in males (R.33X) to the point at which these patients undergo the OPCS coded episodes of bladder outflow obstruction surgery?

The question also asks, if NHS Lothian does record this information, which of the listed coded surgeries does it record this for. Could you please confirm which of the specific coded surgeries NHS Lothian records this information for?

**Review Response:**

I am further advised we do record the admission, and the coded bladder outflow obstruction surgery. However, we do not record them in a way that would allow us to extract an aggregated timeline for all, without going in case by case.

So, the answer to the second part is – No.

Therefore, the response remains the same. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

If you are not satisfied with this response you still have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner who you can contact at the address below or 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.

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