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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HEART PROCEDURES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to heart procedures.

Question:

- I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information concerning transcatheter structural heart procedures performed by your Trust and the associated closure devices purchased and/or used in the Edinburgh Heart Centre.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for each of the financial years:

- 2023/24
- 2024/25
- 2026/27

Please provide the information separately for:

1. Atrial Septal Defect (ASD) closure
2. Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) closure
3. Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion/Closure (LAAO/LAAC)

For each procedure category and financial year, please provide:

A. PROCEDURE VOLUMES

1. The total number of ASD closure procedures performed.
2. The total number of PFO closure procedures performed.
3. The total number of LAAO/LAAC procedures performed.

Answer:

Financial Year	K16.3 (ASD)	K16.5 (PFO)	K62.5 (LAAO/LAAC)
2023/24	0	77	5<
2024/25	0	64	0
2025/26	0	74	5<
2026/27	0	19	5<

OPCS Codes Used

K16.3 - Percutaneous transluminal atrial septum fenestration closure with prosthesis

K16.5 - Percutaneous transluminal closure of patent oval foramen with prosthesis

K62.5 - Percutaneous transluminal occlusion of left atrial appendage

Includes: Percutaneous transluminal exclusion of left atrial appendage

Excludes: Exclusion of left atrial appendage NEC (K22.3)

Notes:

The aggregate data shown describe the number of procedures performed in NHS Lothian in each financial year for which subsequent clinical coding used the OPCS codes shown below. Note that clinical coding can take around 12 weeks to become available after a procedure is performed and therefore the 2026/27 data shown below approximately corresponds to the first 3 months of this financial year.

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).

Question:**B. DEVICE PRICING AND EXPENDITURE**

For each manufacturer/product identified above, please provide:

1. The actual unit price paid by the Trust, excluding VAT.
2. Supplier/distributor name, where recorded.
3. Procurement route used (NHSSC or other)

If the Trust is unable to disclose the exact unit price, please instead provide:

- total number of devices purchased, and
 - total expenditure on that device,
- so that an average unit cost can be calculated.

Answer:

Row Labels	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27
Abbott Medical UK Limited#				
9-PFO-018	£3,130.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-PFO-025	£2,800.00	£3,198.00	N/A	N/A
9-PFO-1818	£3,596.00	£3,596.00	N/A	N/A
9-PFO-2518	£3,596.00	£3,596.00	£3,597.00	£3,704.00
9-PFO-3025	£3,596.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-PFO-3525	£3,596.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
9-PFO-xxxx	£0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Occlutech UK				
19PFO18DF	N/A	£2,795.00	£2,795.00	£2,795.00

19PFO25D	£2,795.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
19PFO25DF	N/A	£2,795.00	£2,795.00	£2,795.00
19PFO30DF	N/A	£2,795.00	£2,795.00	N/A

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.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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