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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HISTOPATHOLOGY AND RADIOLOGY REPORTING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to histopathology and radiology reporting in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Medical workforce. At 30th September 2026, please state the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) consultants employed by the authority:

a) WTE Histopathology Consultants

Answer:

34.6 WTE consultants.

Question:

b) WTE Radiology Consultants

Answer:

87 WTE consultants.

Question:

2. Histopathology reporting. For the 6 month period 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026, please state the following in relation to histopathology activity undertaken by the authority:

a) How many histopathology cases were reported during the period?

Answer:

30,394 cases were reported. Please note that this does not include the GI cases which are reported directly and are not checked in.

Question:

b) How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority during their salaried programmed activities (PAs)

c) How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority (or partnerships of such consultants) outside their contracted PAs for additional payment above their salary?

Answer:
This information is not recorded.

Question:
d) How many were reported by locum pathologists, biomedical scientists, and or medical staff below consultant grade?

Answer:
2,448 cases.

Question:
e) How many were reported by external companies?

Answer:
1,210 cases.

Question:
f) Please break down the amount in part e), and state how many were reported by each of the following companies a. Backlogs (part of HCA) b. Source Bioscience c. Cellular Pathology Services d. Unilabs e. Diagnexia f. Medica g. Poundbury Cancer Institute h. Digital Pathology Partners i. Other (please state which)

Answer:
All 1,210 of these cases were reported by Source Bioscience.

Question:
3. Radiology Reporting. For the 6 month period 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026, please state the following in relation to radiology activity undertaken by the authority:

a) How many radiology cases were reported during the period?

Answer:
270,323 cases.

Question:
b) How many were in each of the following modalities: a. Plain film/ x-ray, b. MRI scan, c. CT Scan, d. PET CT/ SPECT

Answer:

The information is detailed in the table below:

Radiology reporting, 1 April – 30 September 2026, NHS Lothian	
Mode	**Number of cases**
Plain film / x-ray	186,139
MRI scan	27,038
CT scan	56,968
PET CT / SPECT	178

Question:

c). How many were reported by radiology consultants employed by the authority during their salaried programmed activities (PAs)?

Answer:

253,751 cases.

Question:

d) How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority (or partnerships of such consultants) outside their contracted PAs for additional payment above their salary?

Answer:

4,978 cases.

Question:

e) How many were reported by locum radiologists, medical staff below consultant grade, and or radiographers?

Answer:

48,060 cases.

Question:

f) How many were reported by external companies?

Answer:

11,594

Question:

g) Please break down the amount in question 14, and state how many were reported by each of the following companies a. Medica b. Everlight Radiology c. Telemedicine Clinic (TMC, part of Unilabs) d. 4Ways e. Dulwich Medical f. Hexarad e. Other (please state which)

Answer:

4,101 cases were reported by 4Ways, and 7,493 cases were reported by the Scottish National Radiology Reporting System (SNRRS).

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.

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Yours sincerely

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