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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

I write in response to your request for information in relation to neonatal abstinence syndrome in NHS Lothian.

Question:

How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome in your health board area in (a) 2025/25 b) 2026/27 to date.

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome, NHS Lothian	
Year	**Number of babies**
2025/26	86
2026/27 (to 9 November 2026)	42

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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