

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

Epilepsy Scotland is undertaking a mapping exercise, seeking to gather an accurate picture of clinical epilepsy provision across Scotland. As part of this, we are submitting a Freedom of Information request to every health board asking several questions, detailed in the tables below. We conducted similar research in 2021 and are keen to understand how things have changed over the course of a year.

We would like to know the following posts, wait times and numbers. Please state if any services are provided by other health boards.

	Posts	WTE	Unfilled Posts
Consultant Neurologists			
Consultant Paediatric Neurologists			
Adult Epilepsy Specialist Nurses			
Paediatric Epilepsy Specialist Nurses			
Consultant Neurophysiologists			
Neurophysiology technicians			

We currently do not have anyone employed in any of these roles – Epilepsy support is via NHS Grampian

	Current Wait Time
Neurologist (adult)	
Neurologist (paediatric)	
Adult Epilepsy Specialist Nurse	
Paediatric Epilepsy Specialist Nurse	
Routine EEG	
Urgent EEG	
Videotelemetry	
Neuropsychology	
CAMHS	

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	Number
Adults with epilepsy	255
Children and young people with epilepsy	21

NHS Shetland has eight salaried practices (Lerwick, Brae, Scalloway, Bixter, Unst, Mid Yell, Walls and Whalsay) and we have provided the information relating to these GP practices. As the other 2 practices are independent contractors you would need to submit a separate Freedom of Information request to them directly. Please click on the link below for information on how to contact them

directly: <http://www.shb.scot.nhs.uk/community/index.asp>