

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Passed to	Information Services	Date passed	30/05/2022	Respond by	17/06/2022
Category	Charity		FOI number	2022-193	

Question/s to be answered

1. How many people currently living in the health board area have a diagnosis of bronchiectasis?

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested. We do not hold a register of this information for the reasons given in Q2.

2. How many bronchiectasis diagnoses has there been for each quarter over the past five year? i.e. January-March 2017 until October-December 2021?

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According to NHS UK: "Currently, the most effective test available to diagnose bronchiectasis is called a high-resolution CT (HRCT) scan. A HRCT scan involves taking several X-rays of your chest at slightly different angles. A computer is then used to put all the images together."

Whilst we can say how many chest CTs were performed, we cannot say if these were for diagnosis of bronchiectasis or if the condition was picked up on the basis of these scans **as outpatient data does not contain coding information on diagnosis.**

3. What is the age breakdown of bronchiectasis patients? i.e. 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70,71+

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