

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

I am looking for information regarding the number of patients who have asked for their name to be removed from an NHS waiting list as they have chosen to seek private treatment. I understand that Public Health Scotland publish data for the number of patients who are classified as 'Treatment no longer required', but I am looking for data that records the number accessing private treatment.

As such, can you provide the following?

- 1) The total number of patients who have asked for their name to be removed from a waiting list as they are seeking private treatment elsewhere for the last five years to present, broken down by year.
- 2) A breakdown, by number of weeks, of how long that patient had been on a waiting list.
- 3) The number of patients who have asked for their name to be removed from a waiting list as they are seeking private treatment elsewhere for the last five years to present, broken down by waiting list – a) diagnostics; b) outpatients; c) inpatients.
- 4) The number of patients who have asked for their name to be removed from a waiting list as they are seeking private treatment elsewhere for the last five years to present, broken down by type by speciality.

Is it possible to have this information provided in excel/spreadsheet format?

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested. This information is not recorded on our Patient Management System.