

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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### Question/s to be answered

- 1) How many thrombectomies were carried out by the health board since November 2020?
- 2) How many people were a) eligible for a thrombectomy and b) underwent the procedure in 2020/21 and 2021/22?
- 3) If the procedure was denied, what was the reason given?
- 4) How many patients have been referred to your health board from neighbouring boards for thrombectomy since November 2020?
- 5) How many patients have you referred to another health board to receive a thrombectomy since November 2020?

The provision of thrombectomy in Scotland is being developed. In the North of Scotland a hub and spoke model is being developed between Health Boards in the region and NHS Tayside as a specialist centre. There is a plan in place to take a phased approach as part of the pilot to test between sites and the focus in 2021-22 was on testing at NHS Tayside and NHS Grampian with roll out to other sites thereafter.

The planning assumption is that beyond the pilot, NHS Shetland would have 1 eligible patient per year for this service. We are not aware that we have made any referrals between November 2020 and July 2022.