

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
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Category of information requested	H&SC Delivery - Assessment / Diagnosis / Treatment H&SC Delivery - Patient / Clinical Management Workforce - Recruitment Financial Management - Provisions			

Question/s to be answered

Note we have interpreted “since January A)2022 B)2021 C)2020 D)2019” as: 2022 so far, 2021, 2020, 2019. So as annual data.

Please see below an FOI request on sexual and reproductive health.

1. The average wait time since January A)2022 B)2021 C)2020 D)2019 for accessing the below sexual health services.

(I) Implant insertion and removal (new or repeat)

A- 6-8 weeks, B- 2-3 months, C- advised to use alternative contraception, D- 2 weeks

(II) Coil/IUD insertion and removal (new or repeat)

A- 6-12 weeks, B - 3-4 months, C - 6 months or use alternative contraception, D - 4-6 months

(III) Repeat or new pills prescription

A, B, C, D - Working as normal, no wait

(IV) Sexual health screening (symptomatic)

A, B, C, D - Working as normal, no wait

(V) Sexual health screening (no symptoms)

A, B, C, D - Working as normal, no wait

(VI) Specialised clinics for young people

This type of clinic was not available until 2022. With regards to 2022 data, in accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested.

2. What percentage of the budget has been allocated to sexual health services in years

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2018

0.07%

2019

0.07%

2020

0.06%

2021

0.04%

2022

0.05%

3. The current number of vacancies in sexual and reproductive health facing roles in both family planning clinics and the sexual health department.

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4. Are there any buildings or services in the sexual health department that were cut or repurposed during the Covid 19 pandemic that have not been returned or reopened to the sexual health department.

No

5. Of cancers in people found as a result of a cervical screen, the average time since January 1st A)2022 B)2021 C)2020 D)2019 between a cervical screening appointment and a cervical cancer diagnosis

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested as cervical screening data for NHS Shetland patients is held by NHS Grampian as they are the board of receipt of referral. An FOI request can be submitted to NHS Grampian at the following email address: gram.foi@nhs.scot

However, there were no patients diagnosed with cervical cancer as a result of screening in any of the years listed.

6. The average time since January 1st A)2022 B)2021 C)2020 D)2019 between a cervical cancer diagnosis and starting treatment.

The figures below are unadjusted waits, i.e. periods of medical or personal unavailability have not been removed from the waiting time and this is the exact number of days between date of diagnosis and date of starting first treatment, and relate to only 1 or 2 patients in each year.

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A: 73, B: 83, C: 48, D: 70