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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2025-000269 – Waiting Times for Fertility Treatment.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 22 August 2025 requesting the following information:

Fertility Scotland's aim of equitable and consistent fertility care is a laudable one. To that end, please can you provide details of the current average waiting times for patients between referral from primary care to the beginning of fertility treatment (i.e., the first round of IVF, not initial consultation) and how this compares between all NHS fertility clinics around Scotland. If this data is publicly available, I would be grateful for a link to the most recent publication.

We have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide that information if it does not hold it. NHS National Services Scotland does not hold the information relating to patient waiting times for fertility treatment as the capture of waiting time data is not within the remit of the network.

Under Section 25 of FOISA an organisation does not have to provide that information if it is already publicly accessible elsewhere on the internet. The information relating to the average waiting times for fertility treatment with comparison between the NHS Scotland fertility clinics is published and available on Public Health Scotland website using the following link - [IVF waiting times in Scotland - Quarter ending 31 March 2025 - IVF waiting times in Scotland - Publications - Public Health Scotland](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the Associate Director Governance and Board Services (Board Secretary) at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



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