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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2025-000140 – Intelligent liver function test.

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 15 May 2025.

Please consider this a request for information under FOISA.

I am looking for information on health board access to the intelligent liver function test (iLFT).

- How many health boards have access to iLFT?
- Please share the programme for introducing iLFT across NHS Scotland.
- What are the current challenges to delivering iLFT across the NHS in Scotland?

Please do get in touch if you need any more information.

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 (NSS) does not have any role in the day-to-day operational management of clinical biochemistry laboratories and have no information on how many Health Boards (HBs) have access to the Intelligent Liver Function test (iLFT). NSS also have no awareness of any programme to introduce iLFT across the NHS in Scotland and are unable to comment on the current challenges on delivering iLFT across Scotland.

The provision of specific diagnostic testing such as iLFT is the responsibility of the 14 Territorial HBs across Scotland who provide care on behalf of their local population. You may wish to contact the Individual HBs who may be able to provide information as they will have awareness as to whether the treatment is available, any plan for future introduction and any barriers:

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NHS Borders

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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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