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Date 1 June 2026  
Your Ref FOI-2026-3364  
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Enquiries to [REDACTED]  
Email [psd.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:psd.foi@nhs.scot)

Dear [REDACTED],

**Freedom of Information Reference FOI-2026-3364**

I refer to your Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) request that we received on 7 May 2026 requesting the following information:

**Please provide the following information in relation to hip replacement (total hip arthroplasty) procedures in Scotland:**

**1. Waiting Times**

- 1. The minimum waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period.**
- 2. The average (mean) waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the same period.**
- 3. Please also provide the figures requested in (a) and (b) for the previous two 12-month periods, by way of comparison.**

**2. Current Waiting List**

- 1. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at the date of your response (or the most recent available date).**
- 2. The total number of patients on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at a similar period in 2025 and 2024.**

**3. Patients Leaving the Waiting List for Private Treatment**

- 1. The number of patients who have been removed from the NHS waiting list for hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period where the reason recorded was that the patient chose to undergo private treatment.**
- 2. If this information is not centrally recorded, please provide any available proxy data or explain how such removals are categorised.**

#### 4. Definitions and Notes

**1. Please provide any definitions or criteria used by the Trust in compiling the above figures (for example, how waiting time is calculated).**

Under the FOISA Section 17 exemption for “Information not held” Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland) does not hold the information that you have requested as the information that you have requested is held by Public Health Scotland.

In order to obtain this information from Public Health Scotland we suggest you email them directly using the email address [phs.foi@phs.scot](mailto:phs.foi@phs.scot), and under the terms of FOISA we are unable to transfer this request on your behalf.

From 1 April 2026, NSS and NHS Education for Scotland (NES) joined to form PSD Scotland, enabling transformation in health, social care, and the wider public sector. More information regarding PSD Scotland can be found at the following URL:

[Public Services Delivery Scotland \(PSD Scotland\)](#)

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the email address [psd.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:psd.foi@nhs.scot)

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 Corporate Governance using the email address [psd.foi@nhs.scot](mailto:psd.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 Appeal form](#).

Yours sincerely,

