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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PAEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Paediatric Audiology.

Question:

1. Can you please provide me with the monthly average waiting times for an initial Paediatric Audiology appointment? That is, a waiting times report based on monthly Referral to treatment (RTT) times. **For this year (2025)** to date or up to the most recent data you have.

Answer:

Waiting times for initial audiology appointments vary depending on the reason for referral and complexity, however the average waiting time for new Paediatric Audiology patients seen in the first 5 months of 2025 was:

Date	Wait Times
January 2025	40 Weeks
February 2025	59 Week
March 2025	62 Weeks
April 2025	37 Weeks
May 2025	37 Weeks
2025 to date:	50 weeks

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2. The Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) establishment of qualified Paediatric Audiologists **at the present time**. Please show total establishment, split between Filled and Vacant. Include temporary empty posts resulting from ;long term sickness and maternity leave.

Answer:

Budgeted:	9.04 WTE
Filled:	7.11 WTE

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3. The WTE establishment of Paediatric Audiology admin/support staff **at the present time**. Please show total establishment, split between Filled and Vacant.

Answer:

Budgeted:	2.81 WTE
Filled:	2.81 WTE

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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