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Subject: RE: Lines to clear: Scottish Conservatives release - waits for diagnostic tests - PA

PS/Cabinet Secretary

Apologies for the delay in responding to this.

We have confirmed that the majority of territorial Health Boards received this FOI which was sent to Health Boards in November 2022, requesting the following:

What is the longest recorded waiting time for the following in your health board?

Please

provide for each calendar year since 2017, but also 2022 to date.

1. upper endoscopy
2. lower endoscopy (excl. colonoscopy)
3. colonoscopy
4. cystoscopy
5. CT scan
6. MRI scan
7. barium studies
8. non-obstetric ultrasound

The request is for the longest wait by procedural type, by board and by year from 2017. This means the information is related to a specific individual's length of wait and not to a volume of patients waiting. This presents an issue as patient pathways and lengths of wait can be altered due to things like patient choice and clinical issues. In addition, we have confirmed with NHS Grampian that the data they provided included planned/repeat patients whose scans are scheduled at pre-determined intervals for surveillance or monitoring purposes.

NHS Grampian have prepared a statement, which they intend to issue on social media tomorrow:

We are aware of widespread reports stating patients in NHS Grampian are waiting up to five years for diagnostic scans – these claims are incorrect.

In the last 12 months we have provided almost 4,500 diagnostic CT scans and more than 2,600 MRI scans.

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Hi [Redacted],

This FOI will have gone to boards individually as we don't hold data on this centrally. We have contacted them for details and asked them to respond as quickly as possible, however it is unlikely we will have responses back in time for the 10:15 deadline, with the exception of Grampian who [Redacted] has already spoken to about radiology waits. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

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They'll be unadjusted management info from the board, released under FOI.

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Hi all

I do not recognise these figures and have spoken to the Board who will review where the data came from and respond to me by 10am.

Best wishes
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Morning all,

Following the below, grateful for further detail on what was released in the FOI response, and the facts/individual circumstances behind these cases.

Grateful for this info by 1015 and confirmation this has been picked up.

Thanks,
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