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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AUDIOLOGY AND CAHMS FUNDING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to audiology and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service funding in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

The Scottish Government published [NHS Recovery Plan 2021-2026 \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot), I would like to know how much of the Recovery Funds has been made available to improve Audiology services and CAMHS services in West Lothian.

### Answer:

The mental health recovery and renewal fund (MHRRF) was invested directly to each Tier 3 Mental Health Locality team, of which £251,000 was allocated to West Lothian in the year 2023/24.

We are unable to provide any further information about the funding that has been made available to improve Audiology services and CAMHS services specifically in West Lothian as the services are provided and managed across Lothian as a whole, and not by local authority area.

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](http://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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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