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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECONTAMINATION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to decontamination services in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

1. What is the age of the AER machines currently installed?
2. What is the approximate year the AER machines will be replaced?
3. What is the manufacturer/brand of the current AER machines?
4. How many AER machines do you have across the sites?
5. Are you happy with your current supplier or are you experiencing problems?
6. How many scopes are you processing per week?
7. What is the name and contact details of your decontamination manager?
8. As part of your contingency planning during a decant, replacement or refurbishment, would you or have you considered using a mobile decontamination unit?

### Answer:

I must advise that this information is available via a previous response.

[https://org.nhsllothian.scot/foi/foi\\_request/8250/](https://org.nhsllothian.scot/foi/foi_request/8250/)

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the publicly available information 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 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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