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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – AUDIT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to an audit of Microsoft software assets within NHS Lothian

Question:

1. Has Microsoft (or a third party on its behalf) carried out an audit of your Microsoft software assets in the last 8 years?
2. If so, what date did any such audits start and finish?
3. What is the corporate identity of the party carrying out the audit, e.g. Microsoft or the name of the third-party auditing company?
4. Did the audit identify any breaches of, underlicensing, or non-compliance with, your licensing conditions?
5. If so, were any incentives relating to such breaches or non-compliance given by Microsoft to encourage your organisation to move to Microsoft cloud subscription licences?
6. If so, please provide details of these incentives.

Answer:

I am advised that no audit has been carried out.

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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