

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HISTORIC SLAVERY PROJECT**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to historic slavery projects and travel abroad in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. How much money has been spent by NHS Lothian on its historic slavery project, with a full breakdown of costs?

Answer:

NHS Lothian has not incurred any costs in relation to the project on historic links with slavery. The project was funded by the NHS Lothian Charity which does not use NHS funds.

Question:

2. How much has NHS Lothian spent on sending executives and staff members abroad in 2021, 2022 and 2023, with a breakdown of where they went, how many went and full costs?

Answer:

There has been no staff travel associated with the historic slavery project.

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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