

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP SUSTAINABILITY LOANS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the GP sustainability loan scheme in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please provide information on the following for the last five financial years (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24):

1. How many GP practices have commenced applications for GP sustainability loans?

Answer:

There have been 14 applications for tranche 1 of the loan scheme.

Question:

2. How many GP practices have completed and submitted applications for GP sustainability loans?

Answer:

There have been 14 completed applications.

Question:

3. How many practices have been awarded the loans/received the first round of finance from the GP Sustainability Loan scheme since its introduction?

Answer:

5 practices have received loans from the first round.

Question:

4. How many GP practices that have submitted applications for GP sustainability loans have not been successful?

Answer:

No practices have been unsuccessful, however 7 practices have withdrawn their applications.

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 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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