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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LONG COVID FUNDING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Long Covid funding.

Question:

- Please a detailed and itemised breakdown on how the £383,097 from the Scottish Government's Long Covid Support Fund was spent 2023/24 and on what and how funding for 2024/25 has been pre allocated and for what.
- Please also detail what funding was not spent in 2023/24 from said fund.

Answer:

Post	Grade	2023/24 Spend	2024/25 Assumed Spend
Admin Project Support	4	26,095	39,330
Chronic Fatigue Service	6	37,358	69,527
Speech Language Therapy (Voice)	6	52,145	52,145
Lothian Work Support Service (vocational rehab)	6		52,145
Project Manager	6	17,408	
Clinical Psychology	8a	7,193	15,159
Regional Clinical Lead	8b	90,788	17,943
Data Analytics / Supported self-management materials development		16,800	50,000
Project Management		23,988	25,000
Data Analysis		12,500	
Misc. Non Pay		593	
Clinical Evaluation Lead			89,815
Carried Forward from 23/24 Allocation for Committed spend in 24/25		93,543	
Total		378,412	411,064

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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