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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HAND HYGIENE AUDIT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hand hygiene audits.

Question:

- What is the hand hygiene audit target compliance rate (%) for NHS Lothian?

Answer:

All areas are encouraged to achieve and sustain hand hygiene compliance above 85% as per the risk weighting. The focus of hand hygiene audit is improvement not performance monitoring which may be driven by setting performance targets.

Question:

- Can you provide me with details of the historical targets set by the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, please?

Answer:

These are not NHS Lothian documents, and the source references would be available from Scottish Government, ARHAI (formerly Health Protection Scotland (HPS) or Healthcare Improvement Scotland (for the Scottish Patient Safety Programme) as the national bodies responsible for publication and oversight of Hand Hygiene compliance targets and the Scottish Patient Safety Programme or review of published literature relating to this programme.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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