Lothian NHS Board

Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION – PEST CONTROL

I write in response to your request for information in relation to pest ontrol within NHS Lothian.

Question:
- In each of the last three financial years (up to and including April 1 2023 to March 31 2024) how many times has the health board called in pest controllers to hospitals?
- In each of the last three financial years (up to and including April 1 2023 to March 31 2024) how much has been spent on the pest controllers annually?

Answer:

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of call outs	78	193	113
Total spend within FY	£48,707.63	£36,330,10	£14,771.69

Question:
- Please provide details of the locations the pest controllers were called to attend, the nature of the infestation or pests involved, the steps taken to resolve the issue and the cost of each call out.

Answer:

Financial Year of Call Out	Locations of Call Outs
2021/22	Astley Ainslie Hospital
	Ballenden House
	Belhaven Hospital
	Calareidh Children's Services
	Children's Health
	Comely Bank Centre
	East Craigs Medical Practice
	Eastfield Medical Practice
	Esk Medical Centre
	Firrhill House

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	Kirkliston Health Centre
	Lauriston Building
	Liberton Hospital
	Links Medical Centre
	Midlothian Community Hospital
	Mountcastle Health Centre
	Musselburgh Primary Care Centre
	North Berwick Health Centre
	Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion
	Royal Edinburgh Hospital
	Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) PFI
	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (PFI)
	Salisbury Court
	Sighthill Health Centre
	St John's Hospital
	The Sycamore Centre (ESMAC)
	Western General Hospital
	Woodburn House
2022/23	Astley Ainslie Hospital
	ATOS Building
	Ballenden House
	Ballenden House
	Belhaven Hospital
	Bonnyrigg Primary Care Centre (Old)
	Cambridge Street Day Hospital
	Children's Health
	Craigmillar Medical Centre
	Duncan St. Dental Centre
	Edenhall Hospital
	Edington Cottage Hospital
	Kirkliston Health Centre
	Lauriston Building
	Liberton Hospital
	Links Medical Centre

	Midlothian Community Hospital
	Mountcastle Health Centre
	Musselburgh Primary Care Centre
	Newbattle Medical Practice
	Newton Port Clinic
	NHSL Sexual Health & Reproductive Health Service
	North Berwick Health Centre
	Parkgrove Medical Centre
	Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion
	Restalrig Park Medical Centre
	Royal Edinburgh Hospital
	Royal Hospital for Children and Young People (RHCYP) PFI
	Sighthill Health Centre
	St John's Hospital
	The Access Place (Panmure St Ann's)
	Tollcross Health Centre
	Tranent Health Centre
	Western General Hospital
	Woodburn Cottage
	Woodburn House
2023/24	Astley Ainslie Hospital
	Ballenden House
	Belhaven Hospital
	Calareidh Children's Services
	Children's Health
	Comely Bank Centre
	East Craigs Medical Practice
	Eastfield Medical Practice
	Esk Medical Centre
	Firrhill House
	Kirkliston Health Centre
	Lauriston Building
	Liberton Hospital
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The below is a summary of the main insects and animals involved:

Ants
Beetles
Birds (Pigeon, Gull and unknown)
Cockroach
Caterpillars
Flies
Maggots
Mice
Rats
Silverfish
Spiders
Squirrels
Wasps/Bees

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The below is a summary of the theme/key actions taken as it isn't feasible to send the outcome of each of the hundreds of calls during the period asked for.

Traps set and baiting arranged
Spraying/treatment of surfaces/areas
Skirting board, walls, window and or/doors - Any holes/cracks/openings sealed to prevent future access
Nests removed
Brush strip excluders fitted to doors
Vents fitted to cover air bricks
Pest proof mesh fitted to access doors
Drains dosed with drain cleaner
Roof inspection for loose or broken tiles to ensure no access is possible
Carpet fumigating

It is not possible to release the individual detail and cost for callouts and actions taken. Under Section 33(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002, which exempts information if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person (including the commercial interests of a Scottish public authority).

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx

Yours sincerely

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