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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRIMARY CARE PRESCRIBING COSTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to primary care prescribing costs.

Question:

- How much money is spent in Primary Care in the whole Lothian region on all prescribing annually for the last 5 financial years?

Answer:

Year	Primary Care £000's
2019/20	£157,064
2020/21	£151,863
2021/22	£157,813
2022/23	£168,316
2023/24 Est.	£174,282

Question:

- How much money is spent on Prescribing annually in the last 5 financial years by Secondary Care , excluding anaesthetics agents, in the whole of Lothian?

Answer:

Sum of Non Adjusted Actuals £K		Accounting Year				
4CCN - Level 4 Cost Centre Name	5CCN - Level 5 Cost Centre Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Diagnostics A+t Crit Care	Anaesthetics & Theatres	2,714	2,123	2,576	3,149	3,561
Total		122,287	133,366	135,637	144,301	155,706
Total Less T&A		119,573	131,243	133,061	141,152	152,146

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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