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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EYE PAVILION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion

### Question:

- What discussions around contingency plans have NHS Lothian had internally and with the Scottish Government in regards to the delivery of eye care, given the pause in capital funding, further delaying the delivery of a new Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion.

### Answer:

I am advised that this is currently an on-going process and nothing has been finalised or agreed at this stage, to release information at this time would impact on the ability of NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government to carry this out. Therefore at this time information is considered exempt:-

Section 30 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act-

- (b) would, or would be likely to, inhibit substantially-
  - (i) the free and frank provision of advice; or
  - (ii) the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation; or
- (c) would otherwise prejudice substantially, or be likely to prejudice substantially, the effective conduct of public affairs.

If you would like a briefing in relation to this to be provided, please write to the Office of the Chief Executive, and they will organise for this to be produced.

I am sorry I cannot help with your request at this time.

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](http://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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