

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEUROLOGICAL CHARITY FUNDING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to neurological charity funding provided by NHS Lothian.

Question:

How much funding has NHS Lothian has provided to neurological third sector organisations over the last 5 years? Specifically, groups that primarily deal with epilepsy (Epilepsy Scotland, Epilepsy Connections, Quarriers (non-clinical funding)), cerebral palsy (Cerebral Palsy Scotland), multiple sclerosis (MS Society Scotland), Parkinsons (Parkinsons UK) and motor neuron disease (MND Scotland).

Answer:

In the last five years NHS Lothian has only made payment to one of these organisations. Details are in the table below as requested:

Payments to neurological third sector organisations, NHS Lothian					
Organisation	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Epilepsy Scotland	-	-	-	-	-
Epilepsy Connections	-	-	-	-	-
Quarriers	£79,998	£80,000	-	-	£1,950
Cerebral Palsy Scotland	-	-	-	-	-
MS Society Scotland	-	-	-	-	-
Parkinsons UK	-	-	-	-	-
MND Scotland	-	-	-	-	-

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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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