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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PPE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to PPE.

Question:

1. How many items of PPE have been held by your health board for each of the past six years?

Answer:

PPE is provided by NHS National Services Scotland National Procurement, please refer to them for further information - <https://www.nss.nhs.scot/>

Question:

2. How many items are currently held?

Answer:

Our local buffer store contains Gowns, Aprons, Gloves, Masks and Visors. Exact quantities are not held in a centrally extractable format.

Question:

3. What procedures/policy does your health board currently have in place in regards to storing PPE for any future pandemic?

Answer:

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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

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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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