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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PHARMACIES

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

Question:

- I would like to put in a Freedom of information request for all notes of interest for pharmacies in Lothian.
- I would also like to know the exact location/area of each note of interest.
- I would also like to request the timeline for each note of interest i.e timeline for when they will proceed to pre application meeting.

Answer:

The Pharmacy Application section of the NHS Lothian website lists the expressions of interest received with projected timelines for processing. The information can be found here: [Current Position – Pharmacy Application Process](#)

The attached NHS Lothian agreed process for management of expressions of interest is also available on our website here: [Useful Documents – Pharmacy Application Process](#) As you will see from the flowchart, if an expression of interest is received for an area where an applicant already has priority, the new expression of interest is added to the waiting list. Details of the expressions of interest currently on our waiting list are attached.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive
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NHS Lothian Pharmacy Applications - Expressions of Interest - Waiting List

Position in Queue	Area of Interest	Date of Expression of interest
Armadale, West Lothian		
1	Armadale	13/02/2023
2	Armadale	16/03/2023
3	Armadale	06/11/2023
Bathgate		
1	Westerinch, Bathgate	16/02/2022
2	Bathgate	13/02/2023
3	Westerinch, Bathgate	16/04/2024
4	Westerinch, Bathgate	27/07/2024
Blindwells		
1	Blindwells	03/08/2021
2	Blindwells	26/08/2021
3	Blindwells	18/01/2023
4	Blindwells	13/07/2024
5	Blindwells	31/10/2024
Broxburn		
1	Broxburn	13/02/2023
Bruntsfield, Edinburgh		
1	Bruntsfield	16/03/2023
Calderwood, West Lothian		
1	Calderwood, West Lothian	08/01/2024
2	Calderwood, West Lothian	23/08/2024
Currie		
1	Currie	15/05/2023
Dalkeith		
1	Dalkeith	13/02/2023
2	Dalkeith	29/08/2023
Dedridge, Livingston		
1	Dedridge, Livingston	13/02/2023
Gilmerton		
1	Gilmerton	29/07/2022
2	Gilmerton	13/02/2023
3	Gilmerton	15/05/2023
Gorebridge, Midlothian		
1	Gorebridge	16/03/2023
2	Gorebridge	15/05/2023
Gorgie		
1	Gorgie	19/01/2023
Granton		
1	Granton	21/10/2022
2	Granton Waterfront	13/03/2023
3	Granton Waterfront	18/06/2024
Leith		
1	Leith	13/02/2023
2	Leith	16/03/2023
Linlithgow		
1	Linlithgow Bridge	19/10/2020
2	Linlithgow Bridge	09/12/2020
3	Linlithgow Bridge	09/03/2022

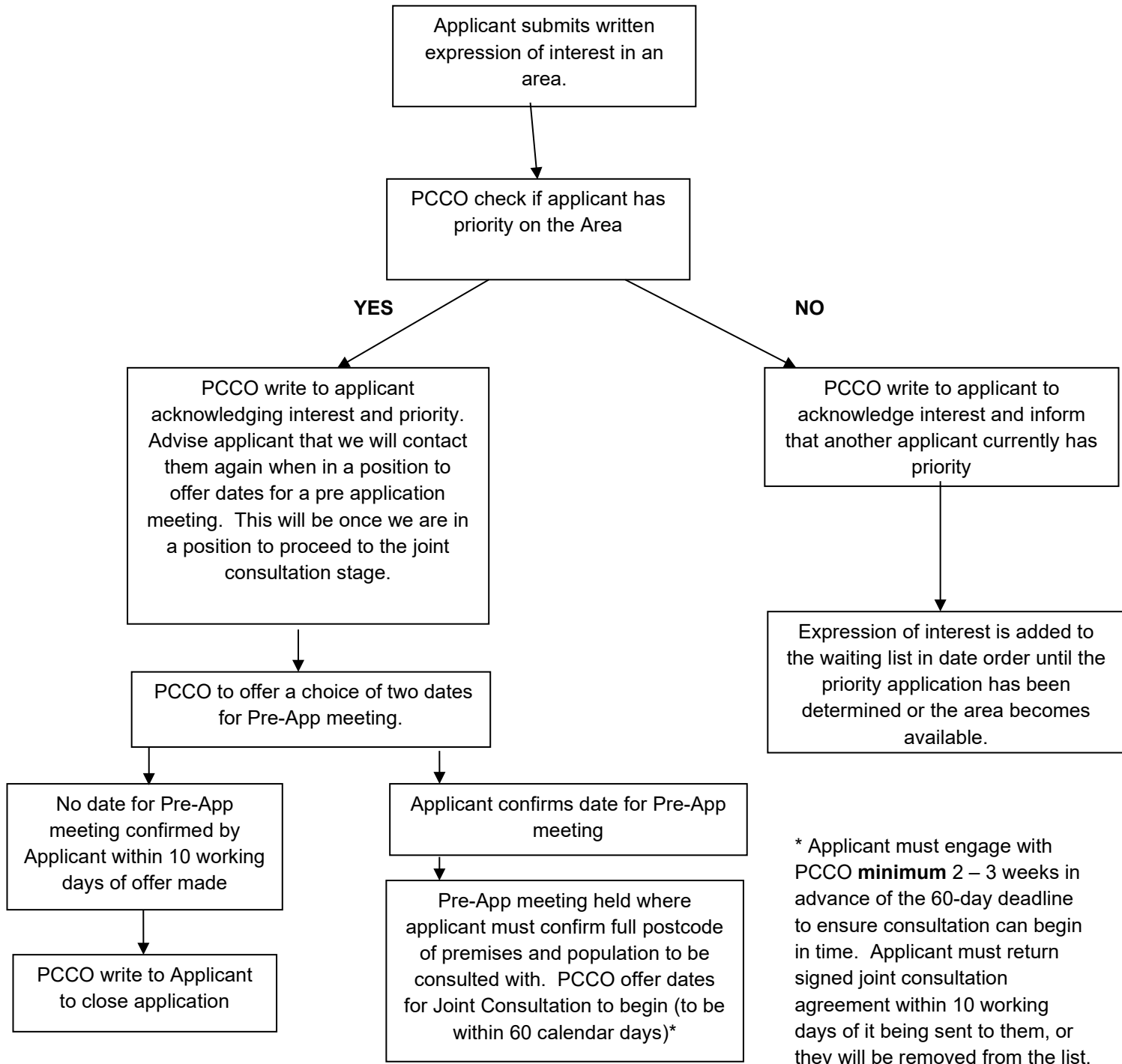
4	Linlithgow	13/02/2023
5	Linlithgow	06/11/2023
Loanhead, Midlothian		
1	Loanhead, Midlothian	30/05/2023
Longridge		
1	Longridge	22/01/2024
Mayfield		
1	Mayfield	13/02/2023
Meadowbank		
1	Meadowbank	19/01/2023
2	Meadowbank	24/01/2023
3	Meadowbank	07/02/2023
4	Meadowbank	13/02/2023
5	Meadowbank	30/05/2023
6	Meadowbank	27/03/2024
7	Meadowbank	14/06/2024
Muirhouse		
1	Muirhouse	13/02/2023
2	Muirhouse	06/11/2023
Murieston, Livingston		
1	Murieston, Livingston	13/02/2023
Murrayfield, Edinburgh		
1	Murrayfield	16/03/2023
Newcraighall		
1	Newcraighall	27/12/2023
Newtongrange		
1	Newtongrange	13/02/2023
2	Newtongrange	16/03/2023
Ormiston		
1	Ormiston	20/09/2023
Pencaitland		
1	Pencaitland	12/02/2023
Penicuik		
1	Penicuik	28/09/2021
2	Penicuik	13/02/2022
3	Penicuik	26/03/2024
Pumpherston		
1	Pumpherston	09/03/2022
Redheughs Village, near Gogar		
1	Redheughs Village (near Gogar)	25/07/2022
Rosewell		
1	Rosewell	11/05/2017
2	Rosewell	16/05/2021
3	Rosewell	21/01/2022
Shawfair		
1	Shawfair	12/02/2020
2	Shawfair	01/01/2021
3	Shawfair	01/02/2022
4	Shawfair	14/11/2023
Sighthill, Edinburgh		
1	Sighthill	16/03/2023
South Queensferry		
1	South Queensferry	08/11/2022

2	South Queensferry	18/01/2023
3	South Queensferry	13/02/2023
4	South Queensferry	06/06/2024
Straiton		
1	Straiton	19/01/2023
2	Straiton	02/02/2023
3	Straiton	07/02/2023
4	Straiton	13/02/2023
5	Straiton	30/05/2023
Tranent		
1	Tranent	07/11/2022
2	Tranent	18/11/2022
3	Tranent	13/02/2023
4	Tranent	15/06/2023
5	Tranent	30/08/2023
6	Tranent	06/11/2023
West Craigs, Edinburgh		
1	West Craigs, Edinburgh	04/05/2022
2	West Craigs, Edinburgh	25/07/2022
3	West Craigs, Edinburgh	15/01/2024
4	West Craigs, Edinburgh	08/08/2024
West Town, Edinburgh		
1	West Town, Edinburgh	11/01/2024
2	West Town, Edinburgh	04/07/2024
3	West Town, Edinburgh	11/12/2024
4	West Town, Edinburgh	22/12/2024
Wester Hailes		
1	Wester Hailes	13/02/2023
2	Wester Hailes	09/05/2023
Whitburn, Heartlands		
1	Whitburn, Heartlands	23/03/2019
2	Whitburn, Heartlands	12/02/2020
3	Whitburn, Heartlands	07/10/2020
4	Whitburn, Heartlands	02/12/2021
5	Whitburn, Heartlands	25/01/2021
6	West Main Street, Whitburn	09/03/2022
7	Whitburn, Heartlands	18/05/2023
8	Whitburn, Heartlands	22/01/2024
Whitecraig		
1	Whitecraig	06/02/2024
2	Whitecraig	27/07/2024
Winchburgh		
1	Winchburgh	10/12/2020
2	Winchburgh	12/11/2023

Applications for admission to the pharmaceutical list

NHS Lothian local agreed process for management of Expressions of Interest

In order to promote good quality practice NHS Lothian have introduced the following to the Pre-Application process:



Process approved by Primary Care Joint Management Group 10th March 2022

Updated process agreed by Primary Care Joint Management Group on 14th November 2024

Note – Process applicable from date of approval by Primary Care Joint Management Group