

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NATIONAL DENTAL INSPECTION PROGRAMME

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the National Dental Inspection Programme.

Question:

- The amount of funds received by the Health Board from the Scottish Government to deliver the National Dental Inspection Programme in 2024-25 to date.
- The amount of funds received by the Health Board from the Scottish Government to deliver the National Dental Inspection Programme for the four previous financial years.

Answer

NHS Lothian does not receive a specific allocation from Scottish Government to solely deliver the National Dental Inspection Programme, as the allocation received includes funding for other elements of oral health delivery.

The amount of funding for this wider allocation from 22/23 to 24/25 is set out below. It is not possible to provide prior to 22/23 due to changes in how the Scottish Government allocation was bundled with other elements.

Year	Total SG allocation for Dental Action Plan, including NDIP
2024/25	£214,267
2023/24	£214,477
2022/23	£228,693

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

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

Yours sincerely

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