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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRIVATE PATIENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to private patients.

Question:

- I am writing to inquire about the medical services your hospital offers for patients suffering from severe lung disease. We are currently exploring treatment options for a patient who may potentially require a lung transplant.

We would be grateful if you could kindly provide the following information:

Admission Requirements:

Medical documents or evaluations needed prior to admission
Pre-admission testing or consultation procedures

Lung & Kidneys Transplant Procedure:

Overview of the transplant evaluation and procedure
Estimated waiting period for organ availability
Recovery process and average hospital stay duration

Cost Estimate:

Preliminary cost breakdown for lung transplant (evaluation, surgery, post-op care, hospital stay, etc.)
Any insurance or financial assistance options available for international patients

Additional Support Services:

Accommodation arrangements for patient and attendant
Language translation services, if available

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We would appreciate your prompt guidance on the above so we can plan the next steps accordingly.

- After clarification - Thanks indeed for your kind reply, can you please share me the email to write them for this information, Please as Private Patient.

Answer:

As advised we do not carry out elective surgery for foreign patients within the NHS in Scotland. You would need to contact a private provider if you are looking for this to be carried out.

A cost breakdown would also not be centrally extractable and we do not have to provide estimates under FOI(S)A.

The contact detail sare as follows:-

[Private Hospital in Edinburgh | Spire Edinburgh, Murrayfield & Shawfair Park Hospital](#)

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 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.

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Yours sincerely

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