

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STOMA TEAM

I write in response to your request for information in relation to NHS Lothian's Stoma team.

Question:

1. A copy of your stoma department's annual report produced by the stoma care team.

Answer:

The annual report is currently in progress. This will be shared with the Scottish Stoma Forum when complete.

Question:

2. Do you have a local stoma forum in place?

Answer:

Yes, a forum has recently been set up. The first meeting was on 18 February 2025 with clinical and nursing representation.

Question:

3. If you do have a local stoma forum how often does it meet and please detail who are the members of the forum

Answer:

It is planned that meetings will include representatives from clinical staff, nursing staff, procurement, pharmacy, industry and patients. Meetings will initially be held every three months, but this frequency will be reviewed.

Representatives from NHS Lothian attend the monthly meetings of the national Scottish Stoma Forum.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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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