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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MEDICAL LOCUMS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to medical locums

Question:

1. What technology platform does the Trust currently use to support its Direct Engagement (DE) model for the medical locum workforce?

Answer:

None we manage the process in house.

Question:

2. What is the name of the platform provider?

Answer:

Not applicable.

Question:

3. What is the cost of the platform expressed as a percentage fee or pence per hour?

Answer:

Not applicable.

Question:

4. What staffing groups does the Trust include in its Direct Engagement (DE) model (e.g., medical, AHPs, clinical, non-clinical)?

Answer:

Medical Locums.

Question:

5. What is the current uptake of the DE model within the Trust, specifically as a percentage or proportion of the total locum workforce?

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name of Lothian Health Board*

**Answer:**

All medical locums are processed through our DE Model.

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](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.

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Yours sincerely

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