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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION - STOCKBRIDGE HEALTH CENTRE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Stockbridge Health Centre.

Question:

- I would like to make an FOI request : I am looking for evidence showing who paid for 'hard maintenance' works to the Stockbridge Health Centre building from 1975-2025. Hard maintenance includes: any electrical and plumbing work, ceiling repairs, lighting, installation fixtures and fittings (sinks, cupboards), lift maintenance, heating, soil pipes, drains etc. It does NOT include cleaning, telecoms, utilities bills and rent.
- Information in the form of letters, emails, invoices, receipts, spreadsheets, capital funding projects would be helpful.
- I am NOT looking for recurring quarterly bills (known as standing charges) paid by the Green Practice. The Estates team (cc here) are aware I am making this request. I have cc Practice Manager

Answer:

- NHS Lothian has paid for all maintenance and improvement work to Stockbridge Health Centre by way of internal resource and through contracts for the provision of goods and services.
- NHS Lothian directly incurred all hard maintenance costs, paying for the full scope of works, by way of staffing costs, materials costs and settlement of invoices supplied by contractors.
- As referred to in your request, NHS Lothian raised and issued to the Green Practice recurring invoices for property maintenance.
- Providing all invoice information for works dating back to 1975 would require a significant and resource-intensive manual search. To do this would be manifestly unreasonable under the EIRs – Regulation 10(4)(b)

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Some invoices (the last 7 years are on PECOS), however this will require tracking hours. As stated above we can confirm that NHS Lothian (or its predecessor organisations) ordered and paid for all the work. These costs were incurred directly by NHS Lothian Estates & Facilities or Capital Planning Department – would this be sufficient or are you looking for actual invoices to be extracted for a reduced period the last 3 financial years for example?

- We have reports detailing ad hoc maintenance/repairs, planned preventative maintenance and new work/projects however it would take time to go through this to separate the costs between Green vs Blue practice and this is not feasible and could lead to inaccuracies. This would be manifestly unreasonable under the EIRs – Regulation 10(4)(b).

I am sorry I cannot help 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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