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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRINTING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to printing in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. How much do you spend on printing?
2. How much do you spend on associated services?

Answer:

NHS Lothian's spend on printing and associated services in the financial year 2024-25 was £1,064,977. These are all included in the NHS Scotland Print Services Framework SP-22-006 contract for all Scottish health boards.

Question:

3. Which suppliers have you used in the past 3 years?

Answer:

Panda Print, Streamline, Harlow, J. Thomson, Lyreco, APS Group, Mackay and Inglis, Jones and Brooks, Sciamed, Midco.

Question:

4. How much have you spent with each supplier in the last 3 years (per year)?

Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below:

Print costs by supplier, NHS Lothian			
Supplier	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Panda Print	£567,993.00	£726,541.00	£542,183.00
Streamline	£339,332.00	£323,276.00	£233,412.00
Harlow	£43,158.00	£60,562.00	£47,413.00
J Thomson	£52,501.00	£28,643.00	£23,996.00
Lyreco	£44,860.00	£47,588.00	£38,878.00
APS Group	£4,857.00	£3,520.00	£6,274.00

Print costs by supplier, NHS Lothian			
Supplier	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Mackay & Inglis	£3,700.00	£2,074.00	£5,700.00
Jones & Brooks	£84,995.00	£97,604.00	£83,442.00
Sciamed	£38,920.00	£38,193.00	£19,751.00
Midco	£67,317.55	£65,659.00	£63,928.00

Question:

5. How do you decide which supplier to use?

Answer:

We use suppliers listed as part of NHS Scotland Print Services Framework SP-22-006.

Question:

6. Do you have contracts with suppliers?

Answer:

NHS Lothian does not have individual contracts with suppliers, as the NHS Scotland Print Services Framework is used.

Question:

7. How many suppliers have you asked for quotations in the last 6 months?

Answer:

Approximately 10-15 quotations have been requested.

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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