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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HEALTH RESEARCH STRATEGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to a health research strategy.

Question:

1. Does your NHS Trust/Board have an executive board where health research strategy for the hospital/s is set? e.g a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.
2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].
3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).
4. If yes to question 2, 3, 4 or 5, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).
5. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?
6. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g NIHR training or in house-training.
7. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.

Answer:

1.	No
2.	Not applicable
3.	No
4.	Not applicable
5.	No
6.	Not applicable
7.	Not applicable

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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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