

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PREVENTION OF FUTURE DEATHS REPORTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Prevention of Future Deaths reports in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please provide the following information for the time period between 1st January 2019 (or the date of inception for your trust) and 5th May 2025, inclusive.

1. Please send me a copy of every PFD relating to suicide that the Trust received. Please include PFDs received where the Trust was a listed addressee and/or where the Trust was copied for information as an 'interested person'.
2. Please also send me a copy of the Trust's response to each PFD, clearly marking to which PFD the response refers.
3. Please send me a copy of any internal correspondence which relates to each PFD, clearly marking to which PFD the correspondence refers. This should include:
 - Minutes from meetings
 - Email conversations between staff and contractors
 - Details of any staff training undertaken
 - Memos sent

Answer:

I am advised that the Prevention of Future Deaths Reports do not apply in Scotland. Scotland has a different legal framework for investigating deaths, led by the Procurator Fiscal rather than by the coroner as in England.

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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