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Our Ref: 10110
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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PHLEBOTOMY

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

Question:

1. Are GP contractors required or expected to provide phlebotomy services to patients in your NHS board area?

Answer:

Yes, GP contractors provide phlebotomy services in Lothian. They can take advantage of two local enhanced services, for domiciliary phlebotomy for housebound patients on their list, and for practice based phlebotomy services.

Question:

2. What is the provision for blood sample collection through either phlebotomy services or CTACs in your NHS board area?

Answer:

Samples from primary care sites including GP surgeries are transported by van to a laboratory at a hospital site.

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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