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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STAFF CAR PARKING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to staff car parking investigation.

Question:

- I am writing under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to request records held by Western General Hospital concerning an allegation that an individual has continuously parked in a disabled parking space for approximately 10 years. It has come to my attention that the individual's details have been recorded anonymously.
- Identification Records:**
Any records or documentation that identify the individual concerned (e.g., name, vehicle registration number, or other identifying details), subject to disclosure. If the personal data is exempt in full or in part under data protection legislation, please provide an explanation and any available anonymized or non-personal data.
 - Background Documentation:**
Any internal investigation notes, reports, or correspondence relating to this alleged long-term parking in a disabled spot, including details on how the case was processed and any actions that were taken.
 - Policy Information:**
Documentation outlining the hospital's policies and procedures concerning disabled parking spaces and how repeated or prolonged misuse is recorded and managed.

Answer:

1.	Any information in relation to this would be specific to an individual and therefore would be considered exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – personal information.
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3.	The Western General Hospital site carries out checks of vehicles in all areas including

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	<p>blue badge spaces throughout the day (Monday to Friday) with vehicles being stickered if not displaying a blue badge.</p> <p>On the rare occasions that an individual is identified we ask their line manager to discuss the matter with the individual and requesting that the driver does not park in these spaces going forward. It is up to the line manager to decide how this is then progressed.</p> <p>From a Facilities Management perspective we have an informal discussion, then an early resolution and there after escalate through the Employee Conduct Policy.</p>
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I am sorry I cannot help further 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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