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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – OVERNIGHT SUPPORT PACKAGES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to overnight support packages

Question:

1. Does the NHS provide overnight support packages at home for children in your area?

If yes -

2. what band of staff provide that support do you use a scoring tool to assess the level of support and what tool do you use?
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Answer:

1.	Yes.
2.	Band 3 HCSWs and Band 4 Assistant Practitioners with indirect support from Band 6 Team Leaders and a Band 7 Charge Nurse.
3.	No, we use the Decision Support Tool, and risk assessment. I have attached a copy.

Packages are provided by the Paediatric Outreach Service and overseen by LENS – Lothian Exceptional Needs Support group which has membership from Health, Social work, and Education from all 4 HSCP's along with consultants and a representative from acute. Assessment is through a Decision Support Tool(DST) very similar to the adult one we use in ACENS, support level and hours are determined through an assessment using the DST and professional judgement agreed by all on the LENS panel. Care is delivered by HCSW's band 4, they have no registered nurse on duty.

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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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