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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CONDOMS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to condom supplies.

### Question:

- Please provide the following for Prisons, broken down by financial year for years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 to date:
  1. Total expenditure on condoms provided to prisons

### Answer:

We are only able to supply data for the amount that was spent via the NHS free condom budget.

2021-22 – £93.42 (HMP Addiwell)

Other service/departments may have purchased their own supplies, but we do not have data on this in a centrally extractable format. Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients and purchases over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

### Question:

2. Total number of condoms provided to prisons

### Answer:

We are only able to supply data for the amount that was supplied via the NHS free condom budget.

2021-22 – 864 condoms (HMP Addiwell)

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Question:

3. Total expenditure on lubricants provided to prisons

Answer:

We are only able to supply data for the amount that was spent via the NHS free condom budget.

2021-22 – £47 (HMP Addiwell)

As above other service/departments may have purchased their own supplies, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

4. Total amount of lubricant provided to prisons - in MLs, and by unit

Answer:

We are only able to supply data for the amount that was supplied via the NHS free condom budget.

2021-22 – 5000ml / 500 sachets of 10ml (HMP Addiwell)

As above other service/departments may have supplied prisons, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

5. Total expenditure on dental dams to prisons

Answer:

No spend via NHS free condom budget – As above other services/departments may have purchased their own supplies, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

6. Total number of dental dams provided to prisons

Answer:

None supplied via NHS free condom budget – As above other services/departments may have supplied prisons, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

7. Total expenditure on femidoms provided to prisons

Answer:

No spend via NHS free condom budget – As above other services/departments may have purchased their own supplies, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

8. Total number of femidoms provided to prisons

Answer:

None supplied via NHS free condom budget – other services/departments may have supplied prisons, but we do not have data on this.

Question:

9. Total expenditure on sexual health supplies, with a breakdown of the type of supply and the amount spent on each type - provided to prisons

Answer:

See above for the expenditure from NHS free condom budget and breakdown of supply. As above other services/departments may have supplied prisons or they may have purchased their own, we do not have data on this or anything out with the NHS free condom budget.

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](http://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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