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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – IT SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to IT spend.

Question:

- I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the FOI Act 2000.

1. What is your whole Trust's IT spend for the following financial year?:

FY 2023/2024 (£):

FY 2024/2025 (£):

DEFINITION: Please include in your IT spend calculation the capital and revenue cost of your IT staff, Software, Services, Hardware, Communication equipment and Other IT spend for the requested financial year.

2. Based on your most recent Digital Maturity Assessment (DMA) submission to NHS England in 2024 (and 2025, if completed), please provide the following:

a) Your overall DMA score (on a scale of 1.0 to 5.0).

b) If readily available, the individual scores for each of the seven DMA pillars:

- Empower Citizens
- Ensure Smart Foundations
- Healthy Populations
- Improve Care
- Safe Practice
- Support People
- Well Led

DEFINITION: The Digital Maturity Assessment (DMA) is a self-assessment tool used by NHS organisations to evaluate their readiness for digital transformation. The overall score is usually the average of seven pillars, each scored from 1.0 (least mature) to 5.0 (most mature). The pillars are: Empower Citizens, Ensure Smart Foundations, Healthy Populations, Improve Care, Safe Practice, Support People, and Well Led.

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3. Based on your most recent HIMSS EMRAM and HIMSS INFRAM assessment/ self-assessment, please provide the following:

Which HIMSS EMRAM score have your Trust currently achieved (0-7):

Which HIMSS INFRAM score have your Trust currently achieved (0-7):

Do you have plans to reassess, if your Trust is working towards achieving a new HIMSS EMRAM or INFRAM level, what level is this, and when will it be achieved:

Answer:

I am advised that the majority of your request does not apply to the NHS in Scotland, as you are assuming we complete the work that they do in England. We do not perform this assessment in Scotland, and as a result are only able to respond to Q1.

FY 2023/2024	£43,976,525
FY 2024/2025	£44,993,755

For the rest of the request I must advise that we do not hold the data requested, as per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – information not held.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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