

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DIAGNOSTIC SCANNING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to diagnostic scanning in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. How many PET-CT, CT and MRI scanners does the Trust have? (Not including any rented equipment).

Answer:

NHS Lothian owns 8 MRI scanners, 9 CT scanners and one PET CT scanner.

Question:

2. If the Trust uses external scanning support for PET-CT, CT or MRI, please provide details below for any contracts in place between 01/04/2024 and 31/03/2025.

Provider name

Modality

Number of scanners

Staffed or unstaffed services

Contract start date

Contract end date

Number of scanning days in period or service regularity (eg. number of scanning days per week and number of scanning weeks per month)

Scanner locations

Reason being used (interim CDC, permanent CDC using mobiles, permanent CDC brick/mortar, waiting list management, scanner replacement project, Lung Health Check, other etc.)

Extension options in contract

Answer:

There are two contracts for external services, detailed below:

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| Provider name      | InHealth |
| Modality           | MRI      |
| Number of scanners | 2        |

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| Staffed or unstaffed services   | Staffed  |
| Contract start date   | 01/04/2025   |
| Contract end date   | 31/03/2026   |
| Number of scanning days in period or service regularity (eg. number of scanning days per week and number of scanning weeks per month)   | 7 days per week  |
| Scanner locations   | Midlothian Community Hospital;<br>Western General Hospital |
| Reason being used (interim CDC, permanent CDC using mobiles, permanent CDC brick/mortar, waiting list management, scanner replacement project, Lung Health Check, other etc.) | Waiting list management                                    |
| Extension options in contract   | N/A  |

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| Provider name   | Scottish Government  |
| Modality  | CT   |
| Number of scanners  | 1  |
| Staffed or unstaffed services   | Unstaffed  |
| Contract start date   | April 2022   |
| Contract end date   | Ongoing  |
| Number of scanning days in period or service regularity (eg. number of scanning days per week and number of scanning weeks per month)   | 5 scanning days per week and<br>4 scanning weeks per month |
| Scanner locations   | St John's Hospital   |
| Reason being used (interim CDC, permanent CDC using mobiles, permanent CDC brick/mortar, waiting list management, scanner replacement project, Lung Health Check, other etc.) | Waiting list management                                    |
| Extension options in contract   | N/A  |

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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