

Dear Mr Watt

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION – MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

I write in response to your request for information in relation to NHS Lothian's maintenance backlog.

Question:

1. What is the total size of the maintenance backlog, as at 1 October 2025 (or most recent)? Please provide the estimated value of the work to be completed in pounds sterling (£) as well as a breakdown of what work is outstanding, and the cost associated with undertaking that work.

Answer:

The table on the next page outlines the estimated Backlog Maintenance costings, split by risk profile and area type. Works are prioritised annually, based on risk profile and allocated backlog maintenance funding.

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2. Please also provide the total size of the maintenance backlog in pounds sterling (£) at the end of each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25.

Answer:

The table below details the information you have requested. The increase in cost between 2022/23 and 2023/24 is partly due to improved processes and more surveys being carried out to identify works required.

Maintenance backlog cost, NHS Lothian	
Year	Value
2019/20	£44.6 million
2020/21	£52.9 million
2021/22	Not collected due to covid pressures
2022/23	£56.7 million
2023/24	£97.3 million
2024/25	£97.3 million

Table 3: Physical Condition – Risk Profiled Backlog Costs

Physical Condition Backlog Cost/Percentage of Total

TYPE	LOW		MODERATE		SIGNIFICANT		HIGH		UNREPORTED		TOTAL
	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	
01 Acute Hospital	£4,752,939.25	27.9	£6,386,579.40	12.0	£26,114,565.27	56.0	£4,636,593.84	70.2	£0.00	0.0	£41,890,677.75
02 Childrens Hospital	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
03 Maternity Hospital	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
04 Specialist Hospital	£13,735.92	0.1	£13,624.58	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£27,360.50
05 Mental Health Hospital	£86,842.55	0.5	£1,037,369.86	1.9	£562,846.40	1.2	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£1,687,058.81
06 Community Hospital	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
07 Older People Hospital	£753,078.42	4.4	£1,981,762.44	3.7	£421,087.65	0.9	£32,724.76	0.5	£0.00	0.0	£3,188,653.28
08 Multi Service Hospital	£4,520,347.95	26.6	£9,335,470.98	17.5	£6,489,411.69	13.9	£1,257,670.56	19.1	£0.00	0.0	£21,602,901.19
21 Health Centre	£753,039.70	4.4	£3,909,659.23	7.3	£3,848,267.64	8.2	£33,564.93	0.5	£0.00	0.0	£8,544,531.50
22 Clinics (inc. Day Hospitals & Resource Centres)	£1,908,432.17	11.2	£10,615,609.97	20.0	£2,245,453.50	4.8	£48,660.61	0.7	£0.00	0.0	£14,818,156.25
23 Offices	£122,807.78	0.7	£3,609,058.15	6.8	£1,625,679.14	3.5	£5,922.25	0.1	£0.00	0.0	£5,363,467.32
24 Support Facilities	£125,518.54	0.7	£1,591,338.01	3.0	£214,321.70	0.5	£16,788.19	0.3	£0.00	0.0	£1,947,966.43
25 Staff Residential Accommodation	£4,027.12	0.0	£107,192.67	0.2	£45,838.22	0.1	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£157,058.01
26 Patient Residential Accommodation	£13,027.69	0.1	£32,033.51	0.1	£46,594.78	0.1	£4,201.60	0.1	£0.00	0.0	£95,857.57
41 GP Practice	£159,520.84	0.9	£388,251.66	0.7	£227,380.38	0.5	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£775,152.89
42 Dental Practice	£2,368.90	0.0	£220,449.72	0.4	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£222,818.62
43 Pharmacy	£12,792.06	0.1	£201,984.11	0.4	£222,230.39	0.5	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£437,006.56
44 Optician	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
51 Care Home	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
91 Non NHS Functions	£8,830.00	0.1	£82,192.40	0.2	£71,060.00	0.2	£13,974.00	0.2	£0.00	0.0	£176,056.40
97 Multi-storey car park	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
98 Non-Operational	£3,581,037.11	21.0	£11,545,595.48	21.7	£2,407,901.25	5.2	£450.09	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£17,534,983.93
99 Other	£203,809.81	1.2	£2,150,201.53	4.0	£2,106,286.86	4.5	£550,192.91	8.3	£0.00	0.0	£5,010,491.11
Unreported	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00	0.0	£0.00
GRAND TOTAL	£17,022,155.82	13.8	£53,208,373.71	43.1	£46,648,924.87	37.8	£6,600,743.73	5.3	£0.00	0.0	£123,480,198.13

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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