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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADHD FUNDING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD funding.

Question:

- Thank you for your response of 14 October 2025 concerning the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board paper of 1 November 2024, titled “*Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Grants Programme and Public Social Partnership*.” I am grateful for the reference provided, though some aspects of the request appear not to have been fully addressed.

To ensure there is no misunderstanding, I have restated the original points below, with notes on the areas where further clarification would be helpful.

1. Agenda item location

Could you please confirm the exact meeting date and agenda item reference under which the decision to withdraw, reduce, or not fund relevant services was taken?

If no other recorded information exists beyond the linked document, I would be grateful if this could be confirmed under Section 17.

2. Exempt business

Was this decision considered entirely within the public session, or was any element discussed under exempt business?

If an exemption applied, could you please confirm the title of the item and the exemption category used, or confirm under Section 17 if this information is not held?

3. Equality considerations

The linked report refers to an Integrated Impact Assessment at Appendix 1. For clarity, could you confirm whether this assessment, or any associated Equality Impact Assessment or Fairer Scotland Duty assessment, contains reference to adult ADHD, adult autism, or neurodivergent adults in general?

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If no such material was prepared or considered, please confirm this under Section 17. If held elsewhere, please advise under Section 15.

4. Decision clarity

Could you please confirm in plain terms what decision was taken in relation to services used by adult ADHD and adult autism cohorts?

If the decision related solely to third-sector grant-funded supports rather than clinical diagnostic pathways, I would be grateful if you could confirm that distinction, and identify any grants or funded programmes that related to these user groups.

If any of the above information is held by the EIJB secretariat or by the City of Edinburgh Council rather than NHS Lothian, I would appreciate confirmation of this under Section 15, together with the appropriate contact details or a note that the review has been referred on.

Answer:

As advised we could not treat this as a Review request as it was for new and additional information.

The Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) have advised that the information requested above is not recorded or held in addition to the information already provided. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold any additional information.

1.	This is per the savings report which went to the Integration Joint Board in March 25 - https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=160&MId=7487&Ver=4
2.	The meetings are webcast see this link - https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/home
3.	you have been provided with the linked document which takes you to Appendix 1. Available detail is contained within this. The IIA is published and the link included in the paper at #1 above.
4.	in order to answer your request EHSCP would have to create new information. This is not covered under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as it only applies to existing recorded information.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I am sorry I cannot help further 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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