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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GENERAL PRACTICE RISK REGISTER**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to general practice risk register in NHS Lothian.

**Question:**

1. Does your health board have a general practice 'risk register' listing practices that are having problems with the recruitment partners, sessional doctors or locums for maternity or long term sickness, or any other reason? If yes, please provide a copy.

**Answer:**

No, NHS Lothian does not hold a specific risk register for GP practice concerns.

**Question:**

2. Does your health board have a general practice or health centre 'risk register' listing problems or concerns with premises/facilities/buildings.

**Answer:**

Estates and Facilities hold a risk register relating to NHS Lothian properties. At present there is nothing on our risk register relating specifically to GP premises building problems or concerns. If a risk at a practice or health centre that NHS Lothian provides services to were deemed of concern, this would be added to our risk register. Each practice should have their own risk register in place. As GP practices are independent contractors, NHS Lothian does not have access to these individual risk registers. You may be able to request them direct from each practice.

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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