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Our Ref: 10835  
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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INSOURCING SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to insourcing spend in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

1. Please provide spend on Insourcing from August 2025-end of October 2025, broken down by each specialty and subspecialty, and the insourcing company that was used, e.g. cardiology £1000- echo cardiogram £1000- company x £1000
2. The budget for each specialty for insourcing
3. Confirm the contract start and end date for each specialty
4. What frameworks were used for each specialty and was there direct awards and if so, who was they awarded to and what specialty
5. What was the service, e.g. theatres, outpatient, or diagnostic

### Answer:

The information you have requested is detailed in the table below. The route to market for all these contracts was by mini competition.

| Insourcing contracts, August – October 2025, NHS Lothian |                  |           |                         |                               |                         |               |
|--|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Speciality   | Winning Supplier | Framework | Contract Start/End Date | Spend from 01/08/25- 31/10/25 | Service                 | Budget        |
| Dermatology  | ICS Operations   | NP67622   | 1/10/2025 – 31/03/26    | £0.00                         | Outpatients & Minor Ops | £3,334,470.00 |
| Ophthalmology  | Medinet          | NP67622   | 01/07/25 – 31/03/26     | £108,447.00                   | See and Treat Cataracts | £2,560,000.00 |
| Endoscopy  | Synaptik         | NP67622   | 01/07/25 – 31/03/26     | £204,820.00                   | Treat                   | £1,801,374.00 |
| Digital Weight Management Programme                      | Second Nature    | NP67622   | 28/07/25 – 30/06/26     | £60,000.00                    | Weight Management       | £60,000.00    |

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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