

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SPINAL SURGERY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to spinal surgery equipment in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please could you provide the following information for all hospitals within your Trust that perform spinal surgery.

1. What brand of spinal operating tables your Trust uses for spinal surgery (for example Allen Spinal system, Modular tables system, Jackson table, Trios system or ProAxis system)
2. The age of these tables, or year they were installed
3. The cost of this device
4. The serial number of each table
5. Which hospital specifically the table is in

Answer:

NHS Lothian has two Allen Spinal tables, both in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences at NHS Lothian's Little France site.

S/N A 377808, purchased in 2018, cost approximately £80,000.

S/N Z300VF2085, purchased September 2025, cost £108,138.32.

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.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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