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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TELE-RADIOLOGY

I write in response to your request for information in relation to outsourced tele-radiology.

Question:

- For the financial year 2024/25 (April 2024 – March 2025), please provide the following information relating to outsourced *reporting services only* (excluding any outsourced scanning):
 1. What was the total value (£) of radiology reporting work outsourced to private tele-radiology providers?
 2. What was the total volume (number of reports) of radiology reporting work outsourced to private tele-radiology providers?
 3. Of the outsourced reporting activity, how many were:
 - MRI reports?
 - CT reports?
 - Plain Film reports?
 4. Which private tele-radiology companies were used by the Trust during this period?
 5. Who holds responsibility within the Trust for overseeing outsourced radiology reporting?

Please provide:

- Name
- Job title
- Division/department

Answer:

I am advised that NHS Lothian do not outsource to private tele-radiology providers.

I hope the information provided helpd 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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