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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TEACHING FUNDS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to teaching funds.

### Question:

- We are interested in the use of medical undergraduate teaching funds within Mental Health Trusts/Boards. Please find attached our Freedom of Information (FOI) request. Our aim is that this same request will be sent out to every Mental Health Trust/Board in England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. We would greatly appreciate your time and consideration to ensure its completion.

### Answer:

Please find enclosed the completed document.

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 [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://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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FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

**ALISON MACDONALD**  
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Cc: Chief Executive  
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## FOI Request – Undergraduate Psychiatry Training Funding

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide the following information regarding undergraduate medical psychiatry training funding at your Trust/Health Board:

### 1. Please state how many student ‘places’ the Trust/Health Board hosted over the last financial year (24-25).

Please state: Academic year 24-25 there were 553 University of Edinburgh students on placement in NHS Lothian. This number excludes GP placements.

- Please specify which medical schools you hosted students from and how many students from each medical school were hosted.

Medical school: Edinburgh Number of students: 35 Psychiatry only

### 2. Does your Trust/Health Board receive a specific allocation of funding for undergraduate medical psychiatry training?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

If yes, please provide the amount received for the last financial year.

Please state: £229,496

- Please specify how much of this funding is from any of the following sources (this will depend on your location within the UK):

- ☐ Medical Education Tariff  
☒ Additional Cost of Teaching (ACT)  
☐ Healthcare Education and Training Tariff (HETT)  
☐ Supplement for Undergraduate Medical and Dental Education (SUMDE)  
☐ Other sources, please state:

### 3. Is the funding ring-fenced specifically for undergraduate medical psychiatry training?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

If it is not ring-fenced, how is the use of funds monitored?

Please state: Funding is allocated to psychiatry budgets to offset costs across the service.

**4.Does the Trust/Health Board maintain specific accounts/records of how undergraduate psychiatry training funds are spent?**

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

a. Could you provide breakdown of expenditure categories?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

If yes, please select which categories:

- ☐ Teaching  
☐ Staff time  
☐ Educational facilities  
☐ Placements  
☐ Administrative Costs

b. Do you employ clinical teaching fellows/similar posts and administrative staff directly for undergraduate medical education, using the undergraduate funds?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

If the Trust/Health Board has made notable expenditures on medical undergraduate education in the most recent financial year that have not been listed in response to question 4, please provide this information:

**5.Does the Trust/Health Board use a reporting tool to account for these funds?**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

c. If not, how is this information reported or monitored?  
d. Are these reports available for public viewing?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No