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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MEDICAL AGENCY SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Medical Agency spend

Question:

- I am writing to request a detailed breakdown of Medical Agency spend for the following periods:
 - 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025
 - 1st April 2025 – 31st October 2025

Please provide the data in Excel format, including the following details for each month:

- By grade, specialty, and sub-specialty
- For each hospital
- Split by framework and non-framework agencies

Answer:

We have responded to your request previously and this can be accessed via the following:

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/foi/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2025/12/10879.pdf>

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the already publicly available information 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. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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