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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – JOINT WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Joint Working Arrangements.

Question:

- To whom it may concern, I would be grateful if you could please provide a copy of the Joint Working Arrangements between NHS Lothian and West Lothian Council to ensure that the Integration Joint Board (IJB) is undertaken in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and related orders.

Answer:

I am advised that in relation to your request the term "Joint Working Arrangements" it is not something we recognise. There is the Scheme of Integration for the West Lothian Integration Joint Board, which can be found via:-

https://westlothianhscp.org.uk/media/44617/Integration-Scheme-between-West-Lothian-Council-and-NHS/pdf/Integration_Scheme_between_West_Lothian_Council_and_NHS_Lothian.pdf?m=637321499590870000

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 am sorry I cannot help 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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