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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TV

I write in response to your request for information in relation to breakroom televisions.

Question:

1. Do Staff Rest Areas / Break Rooms across NHS Lothian have televisions for staff to utilise whilst on a rest period? -

Answer:

Yes

Question:

2. Are these TVs required to be covered by a TV Licence?

Answer:

Yes

Question:

3. If yes to question number 2, how are these licences paid for?
 - a. Paid for centrally, by NHS Scotland.
 - b. Paid for by NHS Lothian.
 - c. Paid for by the staff who use the break rooms (Such staff Tea Funds, Social Funds etc that are contributed to by individual staff)

Answer:

a.	No
b.	Yes
c.	No

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. 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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