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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LUNG CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME.**

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Lung Cancer Screening Programmes.

### **Question:**

- I wanted to request a Freedom of Information to understand the hospitals Lung Cancer Screening Programme. Please can you confirm the below for lung cancer screening programmes in your region/for the population you serve?
  - Is there a lung cancer screening programme in operation? If more than one, please state.
  - If applicable, who is the lead NHS organisation for this outside of the ICB/Cancer Alliance?
  - Is outsourced support from the Independent Sector used?

### **Answer:**

From a Public Health perspective, the Screening Team have confirmed there is no national Lung cancer screening programme operating in Lothian. A national programme is being developed, but this remains in the very early planning stages. There is also no local hospital screening programme.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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