

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ADHD SHARED CARE AGREEMENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD shared care agreements in East Lothian.

Question:

1. Communications (internal or external) issued by or received by East Lothian HSCP relating to changes in shared care prescribing for ADHD medication.

Answer:

No communications have been sent or received by East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership.

Question:

2. Policies, guidance, protocols, or instructions circulated to GP practices, mental health teams, or pharmacy services regarding shared care prescribing for ADHD.

Answer:

No policies have been circulated. Staff can refer to the current policy on RefHelp: <https://formulary.nhs.scot/east/help-and-support/for-healthcare-professionals/shared-care-of-medicines/nhs-lothian-shared-care-agreements/>

Question:

3. Meeting minutes, reports, briefing papers, or decision-making documents that refer to ending, altering, or reviewing shared care arrangements for ADHD medication in East Lothian.

Answer:

The NHS Lothian Neurodevelopment Sub Group discussed shared care agreements for ADHD at its meeting on 22 January 2025. Below is an extract from the minute from that meeting. The proposed principles statement referred to remains in draft.

5.0	13:45	Statement on Overseas Psychiatric & Private ADHD Assessment	Chair	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB presented a draft principles-based framework to guide decisions on transitioning patients from private to NHS care and handling overseas assessments. • Agreement for a working group was established, including PS, AD, SS, CH, J, and LM, to refine the framework*. 	All	32) Working group to meet
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Question:

4. Any data held on the number of GP practices in East Lothian that have ceased, paused, or declined shared care requests for ADHD medication since 2023.

Answer:

NHS Lothian does not hold this information. GP Practices are independent contractors and can make their own decisions about whether to participate in a shared care agreement. You may be able to request this information directly from the individual GP Practices.

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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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