

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MRI SCANS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to MRI scans in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Does your Trust have a process in place for patients who are unable to fit in, or use, an MRI machine but who may need a MRI scan? If so, what is this process?

Answer:

No.

Question:

2. Does your Trust send patients who may need an MRI scan who meet the criteria of being unable to use your Trusts' scanners above, to zoos or vets?

Answer:

No.

Question:

3. For the last 3 full calendar years (2023/24/25) and for as much of 2026 as possible please, how many patients have been sent to zoos or vets for MRI scans?

Answer:

None.

Question:

4. Does your Trust pay other facilities such as zoos or vets for the use of their MRI machines?

Answer:

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 <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.

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

Yours sincerely

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