

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HOSPITAL CRITICAL INCIDENTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to hospital critical incidents in NHS Lothian.

### Question:

I am seeking information about the number of critical incidents declared by all hospitals within your NHS trust during two specific one-year periods:

Period 1: 13th November 2023 - 12th November 2024

Period 2: 13th November 2024 - 12th November 2025

By "critical incident," I am referring to incidents declared under your Trust's major incident/critical incident procedures, typically involving significant disruption to normal services. Please include all hospital sites/locations within your Trust. If no critical incidents were declared during either period for any hospital, please indicate "0".

### Answer:

NHS Lothian has not declared any critical incidents in either of the time periods requested.

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.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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