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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RECORD DISCLOSURE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the disclose of hospital admission records.

Question:

1. Copies of all risk assessments and policies relating to the disclose of hospital admission records to local authorities/council department.
2. In particular, all risk assessments and policies relating to disclosure of admission and other records from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh to East Lothian Council and its Carer departments.
3. Details of processes involved in information sharing of admission records between Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh to East Lothian Council.

Answer:

NHS Lothian (Health) do not directly disclose personal identifiable data on hospital admission and other health records to Local Authorities/Council Department. NHS Lothian, as all Health Boards do have a relationship with IJB/HSCP's, and we have data sharing arrangements jointly signed by all parties for our four Lothian IJB's (including East Lothian).

I would recommend that you contact East Lothian IJB

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I hope the information provided helps with your request. I am sorry I cannot help 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.

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

Yours sincerely

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