

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CARE HOME SERVICES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to care home services.

Question:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding placements and spending for older person's care home services. Please provide answers on the attached accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

1. Who within the Health Board, has the commissioning responsibility for care home placements for older people (aged 65+)? Please provide their:

- a. Name
- b. Job title
- c. Telephone number
- d. Email address

2. Please provide the gross total expenditure on older person's (age 65+) services for financial year **2023/24**, **2024/25 (actual)** and financial year **2025/26 (projected)**:

For question 2a, please provide total spend on personal social services for people aged 65+. This will include spend on residential, nursing, and domiciliary care (2b, 2c, and 2d) as well as other social care for older people such as day services, etc

- a. Gross total expenditure on older person's (65+) services
- b. Gross total expenditure on residential home placements (65+)
- c. Gross total expenditure on nursing home placements (65+)
- d. Gross total expenditure on domiciliary care/home care (65+)

3. Please provide figures for the total number of older people (aged 65 and over) that the health board has funded during the financial years **2023/24**, **2024/25**, and **2025/26 (projected)**. This should include both new placements made during each year and ongoing placements funded by the health board:

- a. Residential care
- b. Residential dementia care
- c. Nursing care

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- d. Nursing dementia care
- e. Domiciliary care/home care

4. Please provide the total number of adults (aged 18-64) with a primary need of dementia (including early-onset dementia), funded by the Health Board, receiving long-term nursing care in a care home, for the financial year **2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26** (projected), broken down by the following weekly fee bands:

- a. Under £2,000 per week
- b. Over £2,000 per week

5. Please provide a list of all providers with which the Health Board is funding older people (aged 65+) with dementia receiving nursing care in care homes, where the cost of care exceeds £2,000 per week.

6. Please provide the average (mean) weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year **2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26**:

- a. Older person's residential
- b. Older person's residential dementia
- c. Older person's nursing
- d. Older person's nursing dementia

7. Please provide the set or banded weekly fees paid for care home placements for older people (aged 65+) in financial year **2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26**:

- a. Older person's residential
- b. Older person's residential dementia
- c. Older person's nursing
- d. Older person's nursing dementia

8. Please provide the proposed average percentage uplift to the weekly rate paid by the health board between **2024/25 and 2025/26**:

- a. Older person's residential
- b. Older person's residential dementia
- c. Older person's nursing
- d. Older person's nursing dementia

Answer:

I must advise that care homes are not operated by NHS Lothian and that you should contact the local authorities. I would advise you to contact them via the details below:-

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As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

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.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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