

Date 18/03/2026
Your Ref
Our Ref 11174

Enquiries to Richard Mutch
Extension 35687
Direct Line 0131 465 5687
loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot
richard.mutch@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DERMATOLOGY

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

Question:

1. Total Spending

Please provide the Trust’s annual expenditure for each of the financial years from April 2018 (FY 2018/19) to the most recent financial year available for the following categories, where the expenditure relates in full or in part to **dermatology services**:

- A. Total spend (£) on **Waiting List Initiatives (WLIs)**
- B. Total spend (£) on **insourcing**
- C. Total spend (£) on **outsourcing**

Where dermatology expenditure is **not held separately**, please provide figures for any **broader specialty, service line, cost centre, programme, or contract** that includes dermatology activity (for example, but not limited to, medical specialties, elective recovery programmes, clinical outsourcing, or independent sector provision), and indicate how dermatology is included within that category.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request includes expenditure on dermatology services delivered by **independent sector, private, third-party, or digital providers**, whether delivered in person or remotely regardless of how such expenditure is categorised internally.

Answer:

Dermatology – Total Spend by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Total Cost (£)
2018/19	£848,924.88
2019/20	£1,641,573.00
2020/21	£90,858.00
2021/22	£1,166,920.00
2022/23	£1,821,250.00

Headquarters
Mainpoint
102 West Port
Edinburgh EH3 9DN

Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox
Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board



2023/24	£2,772,735.35
2024/25	£660,013.70
2025/26	£428,631.78

Question:

2. Contract information

As of 30th January 2026, please confirm:

1. Whether the Trust has any **active (live) insourcing contracts** in place relating to dermatology services.
 If yes, for each contract please specify:
 - Name of the insourcing supplier
 - Contract end date
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25
- b. Whether the Trust has any **active (live) outsourcing contracts** in place relating to dermatology services.
 If yes, for each contract please specify:
 - Name of the outsourcing supplier
 - Contract end date
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25
- c. Whether the Trust has any **active (live) contracts for teledermatology services** in place (including advice and guidance or digital dermatology services).
 If yes, please provide:
 - Name of the provider
 - Contract end date
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26
 - Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25

Answer:

Whether the Trust has any active (live) insourcing contracts in place relating to dermatology services.	Yes
○ Name of the insourcing supplier	Xyla
○ Contract end date	31/03/26 for the delivery of new patient appointments.
○ Total spend on supplier for financial year 2025/26	as above
○ Total spend on supplier for financial year 2024/25	as above
No to the other questions.	

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 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

ALISON MACDONALD
Executive Director, Nursing
Cc: Chief Executive