

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MODULAR BUILDINGS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to modular buildings.

Question:

- Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to your organisation's procurement and use of **hired modular buildings** and **permanent healthcare buildings** (capital or revenue funded) for the period **1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025**.

### 1. Procurement Activity

a. Has your Trust procured (or attempted to procure) any of the following in the period stated?

- Hired modular buildings
- Purchased modular buildings
- Traditional permanent buildings

For each category, please confirm **Yes/No**.

b. If **Yes** to any category, please provide:

- A short description of the requirement
- Whether the procurement completed, was abandoned, paused, or is still in progress / awaiting funding
- The anticipated or actual project value (banded values acceptable: <£250k, £250k–£1m, £1m–£5m, £5m–£10m, >£10m)
- Whether any building is currently in use

### 2. Procurement Route

For each procurement activity identified, please state:

a. Whether a **framework** was used (e.g., NHS SBS, NHS Commercial Solutions, CCS, Procure23, other).

If yes, please specify which framework and Lot.

b. If **no framework** was used, please confirm whether the Trust:

- Ran a standalone tender
- Used a competitive quotation process

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- Used a direct award
  - Used another method (please describe)
- c. If a procurement was **abandoned or paused**, please provide the reason (e.g., funding not approved, strategic change, clinical reprioritisation, no suitable bids, supplier noncompliance, planning constraints).

### 3. Supplier Participation and Awards

a. Please list the suppliers who:

- Submitted bids
- Were shortlisted
- Were awarded a contract

b. If no contract was awarded, please explain why.

### 4. Internal Factors Affecting Procurement

Please provide any recorded information that explains the primary reasons why your Trust:

- Did not proceed with procurement,
- Has delayed decisions, or
- Has not required additional buildings during the period.

Examples may include:

- Capital funding constraints
- Revenue affordability
- Changing clinical models or patient flows
- Estates strategy decisions
- Planning or site limitations
- Lack of internal capacity to progress projects

(If not formally documented, please state: "No information held.")

### 5. Demand Forecasting

a. Has your Trust identified a **future need** (within the next 2 years) for:

- Temporary/hired buildings
- Permanent modular buildings
- Permanent traditional buildings

b. If yes, please provide any available summary or highlevel outline (estimates or early-stage plans acceptable).

### 6. DecisionMaking Timelines

For any procurement process relating to buildings:

a. Please provide typical or actual timelines (if recorded) for:

- Internal approval
- Business case approval
- Procurement duration
- Contract award

b. If delays occurred, please provide recorded reasons.

Answer:

I can confirm we have not procured directly any modular site set ups are procured through contractor prelims, during the period 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 [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://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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