

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INSOURCING

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

Question:

1. Total expenditure on clinical insourcing services (April 2025 – Present)

Answer:

NHS Lothian’s total expenditure on clinical insourcing services for the current financial year is: £1,653,275.78

Question:

2. Specialties where insourcing was utilised and providers used

Answer:

The following specialties utilised clinical insourcing services between April 2025 and the present date:

Specialty	Insourcing Provider(s)
Ophthalmology	Medinet
ENT	Synaptik
Endoscopy	Synaptik
Dermatology	Xyla

Question:

3. Procurement method used

Answer:

The procurement method(s) used for clinical insourcing during this period were:

- Framework Tender

Question:

4. Frameworks used to procure clinical insourcing

Answer:

The following procurement framework(s) were used:

- NHS Scotland National Procurement Framework

Question:

5. Active/live insourcing contracts (as of week commencing 2 March 2026)

Answer:

Specialty	Supplier	Contract End Date
Ophthalmology	Medinet	31/03/2026
ENT	Synaptik	31/03/2026
Endoscopy	Synaptik	31/03/2026
Dermatology	Xyla	31/03/2026

Question:

6. Contracts expiring within 6 months of 31 March 2026 and planned approach

Answer:

All new patients will be seen by 31st March 26. Associated return patient and theatre activity will continue to be delivered during 26/27 for patients seen before 31st March 26. Some contracts may be extended to 30th June 26. No extension letters have been issued yet.

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.



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Yours sincerely

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