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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

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

Question:

1. A complete list of all contracts awarded by NHS Lothian for the provision, support, or management of social care services or integrated health and social care services (including, but not limited to, domiciliary care, care home placements, reablement, mental health support, and community-based support) since 1st January 2022. For each contract, please provide:
 - a. The contractor/partner organisation's name
 - b. The total contract value and duration
 - c. The procurement process used (e.g. open tender, direct award)
 - d. The contract start and end dates
2. Copies of:
 - a. Procurement specifications, tender documentation, and evaluation criteria for all contracts listed in item 1
 - b. Signed contracts and variations thereto (with commercially sensitive or personal details redacted as appropriate)
3. All internal reports, briefing papers, or board papers relating to:
 - a. Strategic decisions on outsourcing or procurement of social care services
 - b. Financial assessments, risk assessments, or business cases for the contracts mentioned in item 1
 - c. Performance or quality reviews, audits, or monitoring reports concerning these contracts
4. All minutes and agendas (redacted as necessary) of meetings at which the contracts in item 1 were discussed, considered, or approved. This includes, but is not limited to, board meetings, procurement panels, and partnership fora.

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5. Copies of all correspondence (including emails, memos, and letters) between NHS Lothian and:
 - a. Contractors awarded contracts under item 1
 - b. arrangements or integration of social care provision in relation to these contracts
6. Copies of any policy reviews or reviews of NHS Lothian policy prompted by, or relevant to, recent pressures on social care spending, including any documents evaluating the impact of budget constraints or identifying potential service reductions (January 2022–present).
7. A dataset showing annual and monthly expenditure by NHS Lothian on externally provided social care services (2022 to present), broken down by contractor and service type, where available.

Answer:

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

You should request this information from the City of Edinburgh Council - Informationrights@edinburgh.gov.uk.

I am sorry I cannot help further 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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