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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW - PRACTICE CONTRACTS

I write in response to your request for review of NHS Lothian’s response to your Freedom of Information request about GP practice contracts. Having discussed your request and our response of, 12 February 2026, I can respond as follows:

Original Request and Response:

Question:

- Under the freedom of information act 2002, I am aware I can request data from NHS Lothian regarding rent levels for surgeries in a specific area.
 - can you please provide the Current Market Rent for GP surgeries within the Edinburgh city boundary for the last 24 months."
 - is possible I would like the following surgeries annual rent
 - and £X per square meter if possible
 - Blackhall Edinburgh
 - Murrayfield medical practice Edinburgh
 - Stockbridge heath centre Edinburgh
 - Level medical practice
 - Gilmore medical practice

Answer:

The total rent for Edinburgh GP practices is

| Year | Rent |
|---------|---------|
| 2023/24 | £6.558m |
| 2024/25 | £6.732m |

Information specific to each practice is consider exempt under Section 33 Commercial interest and economy, specifically Section 33(1)(b) – Substantial prejudice to commercial interests. Disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person. “Person” includes a public authority, company and partnership. In considering the public interest it is also our view that the risk to the Board and Practices from releasing this detail outweigh the publics need to know.

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Review Request:

You recently emailed and said you could not give me a breakdown of the income on the surgeries. I actually own the Murrayfield surgery and have a review with the district valuer (DV) in July 26 and I am looking for comparisons to discuss the rent review. The actual process with the DV to review the rent is rather exhausting. The last review took about 18 months, total shambles. So, I would be grateful if you would give me the breakdown as requested.

Please confirm why you cannot give me a breakdown of the rental values

Review Response:

I must reiterate the original response as we still consider the requested information to be exempt from release under the Act. Information specific to each practice is considered exempt under Section 33 Commercial interest and economy, specifically Section 33(1)(b) – Substantial prejudice to commercial interests. Disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person. “Person” includes a public authority, company and partnership. In considering the public interest it is also our view that the risk to the Board and Practices from releasing this detail outweigh the public's need to know.

If you are not satisfied with this response you still have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner who you can contact at the address below or using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/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.

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Yours sincerely

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