

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Palantir Technologies in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Has NHS Lothian had any contact, meetings, correspondence, or discussions with Palantir Technologies Inc., or any of its subsidiaries or associated companies, between 1 January 2020 and the date of this request? If so, please provide dates, attendees, and subject matter.

Answer:

No.

Question:

2. Has NHS Lothian has been approached by NHS England, the Department of Health and Social Care, or any UK Government body regarding adoption of the NHS England Federated Data Platform operated by Palantir Technologies.

Answer:

No.

Question:

3. Is any patient data held by NHS Lothian currently accessible via, or has been shared with, the NHS England Federated Data Platform or any Palantir-operated system.

Answer:

No.

Question:

4. Has NHS Lothian has conducted or does it intend to conduct a Data Protection Impact Assessment in relation to any actual or proposed use of Palantir Technologies software or services.

Answer:



NHS Lothian has undertaken a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) in relation to the potential future use of Palantir Technologies software or services. This DPIA is not yet finalised or approved. There is currently no confirmed or agreed proposal to use this software.

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 <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.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top 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>

Yours sincerely

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