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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CANCER SCREENING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cancer screening

Question:

Programme Existence and Delivery

1. Do you currently operate a Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programme?
2. Is the programme delivered:
 - o Directly by the NHS, or
 - o By a third-party / private sector provider? If so, who?

Answer:

There is no commissioned LHC or Lung Cancer Screening Programme in Scotland.

Question:

Scanning and Equipment

1. If the programme is delivered directly by the NHS, has CT scanning equipment been purchased to support delivery of the programme?
2. How is CT scanning capacity delivered as part of the programme:
 - o In-house,
 - o Via mobile units, or
 - o Via a third-party provider?

Answer:

There is no commissioned LHC or Lung Cancer Screening Programme in Scotland. In the future this will likely be delivered by the NHS and include a combination of imaging strategies (in house, mobile etc)

Question:

Contractual Information

1. What is the contract start date for the Lung Health Check / Lung Cancer Screening programme?

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Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE
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Lothian NHS Board is the common name of Lothian Health Board

2. What is the contract end date (or expected end date, if applicable)?
3. Who is the responsible officer or programme director for the programme?

Answer:

Not Applicable

Question:

Funding

1. What is the total funding allocated to Lung Health Checks / Lung Cancer Screening in your area for the current financial year?
2. What is the source of this funding (for example: NHS England, Integrated Care Board, Cancer Alliance, or other)?

Answer:

This would be a question for the Scottish Government as there is no programme currently funded.

Question:

Commissioning Responsibility

1. Which organisation is the commissioning body for the programme?
 - o NHS England
 - o Integrated Care Board (ICB)
 - o Cancer Alliance
 - o Other (please specify)

Answer:

This is commissioned by Public Health Scotland.

Question:

Programme Footprint and Delivery Model

1. At what level is the programme commissioned and delivered:
 - o ICB level,
 - o Trust level,
 - o Place / locality level, or
 - o A combination of the above?

Answer:

No commissioned programme. In the future likely national level.

Question:

Future Plans

1. Are there any current plans to expand the programme footprint or change the delivery model within the next 12–24 months?

Answer:

Not Applicable

Question:

Integrated Screening

1. In light of any recent or planned ICB mergers or footprint changes, are there plans to develop an integrated screening programme (for example, combining lung screening with other screening pathways)?

Answer:

Not Applicable

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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Yours sincerely

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