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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECARBONISATION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to decarbonisation.

Question:

1. Please provide copies of your current decarbonisation, net zero or climate action plans, including any estate specific or heat decarbonisation plans (or equivalent).
2. Please provide any associated implementation plans, project pipelines or delivery road maps, including documents that set out sequencing, timelines or phasing of decarbonisation activity.
3. Please provide details of planned and/or active projects relating to:
 - Electricity reduction (Scope 2)
 - Heat decarbonisation (Scope 1)
 - On site renewable generation including where held :
 - Estimated Capital Cost
 - Forecast Energy Savings (kWh)
 - Forecast Annual Financial Savings (£)
 - Forecast Annual Carbon savings (tCO₂e)
 - Estimated Payback Period.
4. Please provide any business cases, option appraisals or prioritisation frameworks used to assess and rank decarbonisation projects.
5. Please provide details of any completed decarbonisation within the last three financial years, including any evaluation of forecast versus actual performance (energy, cost and carbon savings).
6. Please confirm :
 - Your baseline year for carbon emissions reporting.
 - Your most recent reported Scope 1 and Scope 2 Emissions
 - Whether Scope 2 is reported on a location based and/or market-based methodology.

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7. Please provide details of governance arrangements for decarbonisation delivery, including committee, board or group responsible for oversight.

If any of this information is already publicly available, please provide direct links to the relevant documents.

Answer:

I am advised that information to help answer your request will be published within the next 6 weeks - <https://www.nhslothian.scot/>.

At this time the information is considered exempt under Regulation 10(4)(d) material which is still in the course of completion.

I am sorry I cannot help further with your request at this time.

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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