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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – FERRYFIELD HOUSE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Ferryfield House.

Question:

- I want to know what the plans are for the future of the NHS Lothian HBCCC facility currently based at Ferryfield House, Edinburgh. This facility was previously based at Ellen's Glen and on the closure of Ellen's Glen was then initially moved to Ferryfield with a plan to relocate to Drumbrae Care Home once the latter had been appropriately repurposed.

According to the City of Edinburgh Council notes below a) it is no longer financially viable to repurpose Drumbrae Care Home as an NHS Lothian HBCCC facility and b) the already extended lease on Ferryfield will expire next year, 2027.

[8.15 Drumbrae Care Home status report.pdf](#)

With 2027 just 9 months away and Ferryfield not fit for purpose, what plans have NHS Lothian made to relocate the extremely vulnerable and complex patients currently cared for within the HBCCC unit?

Answer:

The contract agreement for Ferryfield has been extended from 2027 to 2037. As part of this agreement, works were undertaken last year to make suitable for a different patient group.

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

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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