

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – LOANESK WARD

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Loanesk Ward in Midlothian Community Hospital.

Question:

1. What are the current costs of running the Loanesk Ward in Midlothian Community Hospital with 16 beds
2. What will be the savings created by reducing the number of beds to 10 and relocating the palliative care unit to the rehabilitation ward
3. What will happen to the patients currently using the rehabilitation ward
4. What will be the costs of maintaining rehab care elsewhere and will this represent a saving or an increase in costs for this service?

Answer:

1.	Running the Loanesk ward cost £1.70m in 2025/26.
2.	The total saving agreed by the IJB was £1.10m.
3.	The number of Rehabilitation beds remains the same, provided between Edenview and Highbank so patients will be cared for in one of the two units.
4.	The additional costs of re-providing rehab care in Highbank are anticipated to be £0.376m and will be funded from the closure of the Loanesk ward.

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

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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