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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GP PREMISES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to GP premises.

Question:

- Seeking updated information relating to the above and understands that the following Medical Centres within the Almond Valley Constituency are subject to a premises service level agreement between NHS Lothian and the respective GP partnerships:

Carmondean Health Centre

- Barclay Medical Practice/Carmondean
- Carmondean Medical Group

Craigshill Health Centre

- The Craigshill Partnership

Dedridge Health Centre

- Dedridge Medical Group

East Calder Health Centre

- East Calder Medical Practice

Fauldhouse Health Centre (Fauldhouse Partnership Centre)

- Barclay Medical Practice/Fauldhouse

Howden Health Centre

- Howden Medical Group

Murieston Health Centre (privately owned)

- Murieston Medical Practice LLP

West Calder Medical Centre

- West Calder Medical Practice

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

Can you please provide the following information for any of the above GP practices that are subject to a premises Service Level Agreement with NHS Lothian?

1. Annual SLA premises costs for each GP Practice for year 2025/26
2. Projected (or expected) SLA premises costs for year 2026/27
3. Year on year costs rises (if any) expressed in cash and percentage terms

Answer:

Please see the enclosed a summary of the current and estimated Facilities Management costs for 2026–2027. The projected costs for 2026–27 have been shared with all relevant GP practices to support their financial planning and forecasting.

The cost information provided reflect total building costs and, where applicable, practices are only liable for their proportional share of these costs based on space occupancy and service use. These contributions are being introduced through a phased, transitional arrangement over a three-year period, ensuring practices have adequate time to adjust and plan financially. It is also important to clarify that water costs are not included in these charges, as they are not a direct cost recoverable from GP practices by the Board.

In line with NHS Lothian's confidentiality commitments, we are unable to share specific cost information relating to individual practices without their consent. If you are seeking specific figures relating to a particular practice, we would suggest contacting the practice directly or confirming that they are content for us to release this information.

The information presented for the 2025–26 financial year is partial in several areas, due to the timing of cost returns and limitations in how some services are recorded or billed. These variations are highlighted in the source table colour-coded notes for transparency.

- Energy Costs: The energy figures for 2025–26 reflect actual usage and billing only up to December 2025. This is due to billing cycles from utility providers. As a result, the full-year cost will be higher than currently shown once final invoices are received and reconciled.
- The Hard FM figures for 2025–26 is based on costs recorded up to December 2025. These represent the most recent available data but do not capture any service delivery or reactive maintenance work undertaken in the final quarter of the financial year.
- For Murieston, the Board only provides waste management services, and therefore only waste-related costs are included. There are no Soft FM, Hard FM, or Energy service costs allocated to this site, and it is excluded from broader facilities benchmarking. This cost is given as a full year cost.
- Fauldhouse Partnership Centre - The Board relies on cost information provided by West Lothian Council. Once received, quarterly costs relevant to the Health Centre portion of the building are further apportioned by the Board and the appropriate share recharged to Fauldhouse Medical Practice. The Board have only received Q1 2025/26 charges

from WLC and therefore we are unable to provide a more full picture of yearly costs at this time. The Board are working with WLC to improve this.

On estimated 2026/27 costs, the rise in Soft FM charges is tied to Agenda for Change pay uplifts and inflationary rates applied to contracted waste services. Energy and Hard Services charges have been forecast using actual cost data per building from period Q4 2024/25 – Q3 2025/26.

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 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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Cc: Chief Executive
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WEST LoTHIAN SITES FACILITIES COSTS

Premises	Ownership	2025/26			25/26	Estimated 2026-2027			Estimated 2026-2027
		Hard FM *	Energy*	Soft FM	Total FM	Hard FM	Energy	Soft FM	Total FM
CARMONDEAN HEALTH CENTRE	NHSL	£18,431.57	£28,692.05	£80,245	£127,369	£22,641.70	£39,493.06	£83,651	£145,785.35
CRAIGSHILL HEALTH CENTRE	NHSL	£21,108.47	£19,946.80	£57,083	£98,138	£31,755.01	£26,825.44	£58,853	£117,433.53
DEDRIDGE HEALTH CENTRE	NHSL	£13,602.00	£18,261.00	£69,764	£101,627	£17,774.13	£26,009.98	£72,535	£116,319.60
EAST CALDER HEALTH CENTRE	NHSL	£21,416.00	£18,938.00	£46,747	£87,101	£27,974.29	£23,112.79	£48,597	£99,683.65
HOWDEN HEALTH CENTRE	NHSL	£17,770.00	£19,147.00	£84,733	£121,650	£20,671.64	£21,135.45	£90,755	£132,561.95
WEST CALDER	Practice & NHSL Leased	£10,747.00	£18,598.00	£1,007	£30,352	£28,798.58	£34,863.82	£1,008	£64,670.04
FAULDHOUSE HC (West Lothian Council Services)	NHSL leased	£18,159.59	£12,304.83	£6,205	£36,669	£72,638.36	£49,219.32	£24,820	£146,677.84
MUIRESTON (Waste Service Only)	Practice Owned			£1,404	£1,404			£757	£756.60

Costs for Q1-Q3 (April - Dec)

Cost for Q1 only - no subsequent cost received from WLC to date

Based on Q1 25/26 recharge from WLC