

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PHARMACY APPLICATIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to pharmacy applications in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please provide details of all notes of interest in and applications for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list (i.e. applications to open a new Pharmacy). Details to include:

1. Date note of interest / application received
2. Area which note of interest / application relates to
3. Address of note of interest / application if possible
4. Position in queue of expressions of interest in relation to:
 - A) The Health Board overall queue
 - B) The queue for that specific area / neighbourhood.
5. Status of the expression of interest e.g at Pre-Application Stage, Pre-Application process complete, At Joint Consultation stage, Joint Consultation complete or Application submitted.

Answer:

Most of the information you have requested is available on the Pharmacy Application section of our website here: <https://services.nhsllothian.scot/pharmacyapplication/>. The current position page <https://services.nhsllothian.scot/pharmacyapplication/current-position/> has a link to the indicative timeline for processing all applications on our live list.

In addition to the Expressions of Interest on the website, we have a waiting list (attached) which details further expressions of interest received. These will be processed, in order, once the current expression of interest in an area has been through full due process. Our agreed process for management of expressions of interest is also available on our website here <https://services.nhsllothian.scot/pharmacyapplication/useful-documents/>

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 <https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Chief Executive

NHS Lothian Pharmacy Applications - Expressions of Interest - Waiting List

Position in waiting list queue of expressions of interest in relation to the area	Area of Interest	Date of Expression of interest
Armadale, West Lothian		
1	Armadale	13/02/2023
2	Armadale	16/03/2023
3	Armadale	06/11/2023
Bathgate		
1	Westerinch, Bathgate	16/02/2022
2	Bathgate	13/02/2023
3	Westerinch, Bathgate	16/04/2024
4	Westerinch, Bathgate	27/07/2024
5	Westerinch, Bathgate	23/02/2026
Blindwells		
1	Blindwells	26/08/2021
2	Blindwells	18/01/2023
3	Blindwells	13/07/2024
4	Blindwells	31/10/2024
5	Blindwells	08/09/2025
6	Blindwells	17/09/2025
Bonnyrigg		
1	Bonnyrigg	27/11/2025
Broxburn		
1	Broxburn	13/02/2023
Bruntsfield, Edinburgh		
1	Bruntsfield	16/03/2023
Calderwood, West Lothian		
1	Calderwood, West Lothian	08/01/2024
2	Calderwood, West Lothian	23/08/2024
3	Calderwood, West Lothian	27/11/2025
Currie		
1	Currie	15/05/2023
Dalkeith		
1	Dalkeith	13/02/2023
2	Dalkeith	29/08/2023
Dedridge, Livingston		
1	Dedridge, Livingston	13/02/2023
Elements, Edinburgh		
1	Elements, Edinburgh	27/02/2025
Gilmerton		
1	Gilmerton	29/07/2022
2	Gilmerton	13/02/2023
3	Gilmerton	15/05/2023
Gorebridge, Midlothian		
1	Gorebridge	16/03/2023
2	Gorebridge	15/05/2023

Gorgie		
1	Gorgie	19/01/2023
Granton		
1	Granton	21/10/2022
2	Granton Waterfront	13/03/2023
3	Granton Waterfront	18/06/2024
Leith		
1	Leith	13/02/2023
2	Leith	16/03/2023
Linlithgow		
1	Linlithgow Bridge	19/10/2020
2	Linlithgow Bridge	09/12/2020
3	Linlithgow Bridge	09/03/2022
4	Linlithgow	13/02/2023
5	Linlithgow	06/11/2023
Loanhead, Midlothian		
1	Loanhead, Midlothian	30/05/2023
Longridge		
1	Longridge	22/01/2024
Mayfield		
1	Mayfield	13/02/2023
Meadowbank		
1	Meadowbank	19/01/2023
2	Meadowbank	24/01/2023
3	Meadowbank	07/02/2023
4	Meadowbank	13/02/2023
5	Meadowbank	30/05/2023
6	Meadowbank	27/03/2024
7	Meadowbank	14/06/2024
Muirhouse		
1	Muirhouse	13/02/2023
2	Muirhouse	06/11/2023
Murieston, Livingston		
1	Murieston, Livingston	13/02/2023
Murrayfield, Edinburgh		
1	Murrayfield	16/03/2023
Newcraighall		
1	Newcraighall	27/12/2023
Newtongrange		
1	Newtongrange	13/02/2023
2	Newtongrange	16/03/2023
Ormiston		
1	Ormiston	20/09/2023
Penicuik		
1	Penicuik	28/09/2021
2	Penicuik	13/02/2022
3	Penicuik	26/03/2024
Pumpherstons		
1	Pumpherstons	09/03/2022
2	Pumpherstons	19/03/2026

Redheughs Village, near Gogar		
1	Redheughs Village (near Gogar)	25/07/2022
Rosewell		
1	Rosewell	11/05/2017
2	Rosewell	16/05/2021
3	Rosewell	21/01/2022
4	Rosewell	21/02/2026
Shawfair		
1	Shawfair	12/02/2020
2	Shawfair	01/01/2021
3	Shawfair	01/02/2022
4	Shawfair	14/11/2023
Sighthill, Edinburgh		
1	Sighthill	16/03/2023
South Queensferry		
1	South Queensferry	08/11/2022
2	South Queensferry	18/01/2023
3	South Queensferry	13/02/2023
4	South Queensferry	06/06/2024
Straiton		
1	Straiton	19/01/2023
2	Straiton	02/02/2023
3	Straiton	07/02/2023
4	Straiton	13/02/2023
5	Straiton	30/05/2023
6	Straiton	13/05/2025
7	Straiton	27/11/2025
Tranent		
1	Tranent	07/11/2022
2	Tranent	18/11/2022
3	Tranent	13/02/2023
4	Tranent	15/06/2023
5	Tranent	30/08/2023
6	Tranent	06/11/2023
West Craigs, Edinburgh		
1	West Craigs, Edinburgh	25/07/2022
2	West Craigs, Edinburgh	15/01/2024
3	West Craigs, Edinburgh	08/08/2024
West Town, Edinburgh		
1	West Town, Edinburgh	11/01/2024
2	West Town, Edinburgh	04/07/2024
3	West Town, Edinburgh	11/12/2024
4	West Town, Edinburgh	22/12/2024
5	West Town, Edinburgh	02/11/2025
Wester Hailes		
1	Wester Hailes	13/02/2023
2	Wester Hailes	09/05/2023
Whitburn, Heartlands		
1	Whitburn, Heartlands	23/03/2019
2	Whitburn, Heartlands	12/02/2020

3	Whitburn, Heartlands	07/10/2020
4	Whitburn, Heartlands	02/12/2021
5	Whitburn, Heartlands	25/01/2021
6	West Main Street, Whitburn	09/03/2022
7	Whitburn, Heartlands	18/05/2023
8	Whitburn, Heartlands	22/01/2024
Whitecraig		
1	Whitecraig	06/02/2024
2	Whitecraig	27/07/2024
Winchburgh		
1	Winchburgh	10/12/2020
2	Winchburgh	12/11/2023
3	Winchburgh	07/05/2025