

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Palantir Technologies.

### Question:

- The recent FT article that Palantir staff already have unlimited access to identifiable patient data, which could include our private medical history attached to our names causes me great concern.

NHS England is rolling out software to run our health records from Palantir – a US spy-tech firm that has supported mass deportation in the US and enabled genocide in Gaza.

One of Palantir's founders is also openly against the NHS. Peter Thiel claimed it "makes people sick" and said that the British people love the NHS because we're suffering from Stockholm syndrome.

So far I have been unable to discover if our local NHS Trust has started or plans to use this software, so initially am asking you this 2-part question. Failing a yes/no answer, my next stage would be the Fol request which I would hope this request avoids.

### Answer:

NHS Lothian is not currently using systems or services provided by Palantir Technologies and, to the best of our knowledge at this time, has no plans in place to procure or deploy Palantir software for the processing of patient information.

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](http://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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