

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

I write in response to your request to NHS Lothian in relation to the sharing of your personal information.

The information you have requested is personal to yourself, and as such cannot be dealt with under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. We have passed your request on to our data protection team to process as a Subject Access Request, and I believe they have already been in touch with you.

Personal information relating to yourself is exempt from release under the section 38 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The purpose of this exemption is not to deny individuals a right to access information about themselves but to ensure that the right is exercised under the Data Protection Act 2018, which will determine whether the person has a right to the 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 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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