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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to post-encephalitic neurological sequelae syndrome.

Question:

- I am seeking clarification on whether the hospital has ever recorded a case of post-encephalitic neurological sequelae syndrome.

Rows (time periods):

1996–2005

2006–2015

2016–2025

Columns:

0–5 years after infection

5–10 years after infection

10–20 years after infection

Over 20 years after infection

Answer:

I am advised that there were five or fewer patient stays during the period 2016 to 2025 where a diagnosis code of F07.1 was attached to the stay. Please note that the coding does not provide any further breakdown.

We cannot provide detail for periods 1996–2005 and 2006–2015 as we do not hold information going this far back outside individual patient records, or further detail in relation to 2016–2025 as this would only be in the individual record.

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there

would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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