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Enquiries to loth.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SUNNDACH AND CALEREIDH REVIEW

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the service review for continuing care services for children and young people in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide the initial date on which NHS Lothian Women's and Children's Services formally commenced, or otherwise internally initiated, the service review of continuing care respite services for Sunndach and Calareidh.

Answer:

The formal review began in November 2023. Some scoping work had been carried out by the Finance Team internally prior to this as part of their continual financial review processes across all NHS Lothian services, in line with national guidance.

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2. For each year since the initiation of the service review, please provide details of the total project costs incurred by NHS Lothian in relation to the service review. This should include all directly attributable project costs, including staffing time specifically assigned to the review, consultancy, legal or advisory costs (if applicable), and any associated expenses. Please exclude ongoing service delivery costs unrelated to the service review project and present costs on a year-by-year basis.

Answer:

This information is not collected centrally. There is no formal project team for this service review, and so costs are not recorded separately. The staff time either in the service or in the Finance Team has not been separated from the management responsibilities of the individual staff involved. In order to provide the information you request it would be necessary to carry out analysis on estimated job time per year for each member of staff involved in the review. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, NHS Lothian is not required to respond to your request if the resources required to do so equate to more than £600 in 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 <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.

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Yours sincerely

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