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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION – BACKLOG MAINTENANCE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to backlog maintenance.

Question:

1. What is the total size of the maintenance backlog, as of 1 April 2026 (or most recent).

Answer:

Please see previous response for this detail
[Microsoft Word - 10715 Backlog Maintenance November 2025 \(002\)](#)

Question:

2. Provide the total size of the maintenance backlog in pounds sterling (£) at the end of each financial year from 2019/20 to 2026/27.

Answer:

As above please see previous response, with the addition of 2025/26 costs. The costs for 2026/27 are not yet available.

Maintenance backlog cost, NHS Lothian	
Year	Value
2025/26	£121.5 million.

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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