

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – VENISON

I write in response to your request for information in relation to venison served in NHS Lothian meals.

Question:

1. Is venison currently served in meals for patients or staff at your hospital board?
2. If the answer to (1) is yes, how many hospitals is venison currently served in?
3. How much venison, in kilograms, was included in patient meals or staff meals in the last year?
4. What percentage of venison served in your hospital was sourced in Scotland?

Answer:

The Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh catering teams purchased and have used 10kg of UK sourced venison sausages in the last year for sale in the site dining room, which can be used by staff and visitors.

No other patient or non patient catering outlet in any of our other hospitals has included venison on menu or meal options.

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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