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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PFI CONTRACTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to PFI contracts

Question:

- I am writing, under the Freedom of Information Act, to request the following information: Please can you provide the amount of money (if any) your organisation has spent on legal fees related to disputes (formal or informal) in PFI contracts, for the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/6 (separated out into each year).

Answer:

I am advised that we have responded to a similar request previously and our response is available via the NHS Lothian website:

<https://org.nhslothian.scot/foi/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2026/08/11701.pdf>

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the publicly available information 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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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