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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – STUDIES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to studies.

Question:

- **Please provide the following information about Scottish Brain Sciences BriDGe Study.**
 - 1) The current status and progress of the BriDGe study.
 - 2) The anticipated completion date of the study.
 - 3) Copies of the study protocol, governance framework and any published study document that can be disclosed.
 - 4) Details of the NHS Boards currently participating in the study.
 - 5) Whether NHS Lanarkshire has been invited to participate in the study or has expressed an interest.
 - 5) Whether any additional NHS Boards are expected to join the study and, if so, which Boards.
 - 6) Whether discussions have taken place with the Scottish Government or NHS Scotland regarding future implementation of blood biomarker testing for Alzheimer's disease.
 - 7) Whether implementation planning has commenced beyond the research phase.
 - 8) Whether any health economic modelling or cost-effectiveness analysis has been undertaken to date.
 - 9) Whether any interim findings, results or evaluation date have been shared with NHS Scotland.
 - 10) Whether stakeholder engagement has been undertaken with patient and carer organisations.
 - 11) Whether there are plans for wider public or stakeholder consultation regarding future implementation.
 - 12) Copies of any correspondence (emails, letters, meeting notes or reports) with NHS Scotland or other relevant bodies concerning future rollout or implementation, where disclosable.
- **NHS Lothian FAST (Facilitating Access to blood biomarker testing for Alzheimer's disease in memory services) Study.**
 - 1) The objectives and scope of the FAST study.
 - 2) The current stage of recruitment/data collection and evaluation.
 - 3) The expected completion date of the study.

- 4) Whether NHS Lanarkshire has been approached to participate or discuss participation in the study.
- 5) Whether other NHS Boards have expressed an interest in participating or adopting the pathway.
- 6) Whether plans are in place for implementation of blood biomarker testing in routine clinical practice following the study.
- 7) Copies of any implementation reports, evaluation findings or recommendations that can be disclosed.
- 8) Details of the funding for the FAST Study, including the source(s) of funding and total funding awarded.
- 9) The cost per participant/test within the study, where available.
- 10) Whether discussions have taken place with NHS Scotland or the Scottish Government regarding future commissioning or national rollout.
- 11) Whether the study team anticipates that blood biomarker testing will be used routinely within NHS Scotland in the future, and indicative timescales if available.
- 12) Whether an equality impact assessment has been undertaken as part of the study.
- 13) Copies of any correspondence with NHS Scotland or other relevant bodies regarding future uptake and implementation across Scotland, where disclosable.

Answer:

I am advised as follows:

BriDGe - IRAS 360471

This research study is not being undertaken within NHS Lothian. It is sponsored by a private company called Scottish Brain Sciences. They are recruiting potential participants from private GP Practices who will then participate in the study at their own facility at Murrayfield.

Their details are:

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FAST - IRAS 301319

NHS Lothian is participating as a site for this multi-centre study which is sponsored by Imperial College London. Only the Sponsor can answer the questions asked by the requestor.

Their details are:

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As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold information to answer your request.

I am sorry I cannot help further 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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