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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW – ORTHOGNATHIC WAITING LIST

I write in response to your request for additional information in relation to orthognathic waiting lists. I apologise for the delay in responding which lead to this Review. Having discussed your request, I can respond as follows:

Original Request and Response:

1. What's CMT?
2. The August 2022 note says that the next review was to be on March 31 2023. Can you send me a copy of that (and any more recent reviews)?
3. Has this decision never been discussed or approved by Lothian Health Board?
4. Also, the July 5th minute says this:
"three orthodontic consultants (2.2wte out of 3.2wte) have made decisions to either retire or move to other roles / areas, and thus there is an emergent pressure within orthodontics as recruitment continues."

After almost four years, what has been the result of that recruitment?

The request was not responded to as it was not circulated appropriately, therefore went straight to

Review Response:

1.	Corporate Management Team
2.	The pathway has been discussed by all of the relevant management every year on the anniversary of the closure since 2022. A discussion took place on 30th March 2026 and the agreement was that the pathway would remain paused until clinically safe to reopen. At this point it will be taken back to the Corporate Management Team to sign off reopening.
3.	Yes, the pause was approved in 2022 by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).
4.	There are 4 Orthodontic consultants totalling 2.2WTE. From this total there are 2.00 WTE substantive consultants and 0.2WTE locum consultant. There is no additional recruitment at this time.

If you are not satisfied with this response you still have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner who you can contact at the address below or 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.

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Yours sincerely

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