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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REVIEW – GP CONTACT DETAILS

I write in response to your request for review of NHS Lothian's response to your Freedom of Information request for GP contact details. Having discussed your request further I can respond as follows.

Original Request and Response:

- Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request contact information for all General Practitioner (GP) practices currently operating within your health board's jurisdiction.
- Specifically, I request that the data be provided in an electronic format (CSV or Excel) containing the following fields for each practice:
 - Official NHS Practice Code
 - GP Practice / Surgery Name
 - Main Administrative or Public Contact Email Address (e.g. reception, enquiries, or practice manager)
- For the avoidance of doubt, I am requesting publicly-held administrative contact addresses rather than personal email addresses of individual clinicians.
If email addresses are only available for a subset of practices, please provide what is held rather than treating the request as undeliverable in full.

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

We do not hold details of administrative email addresses for GP practices. We communicate with individuals or clinical mailboxes which would not be shared, as they are for clinical purposes only.

Review Request:

I am challenging the assertion that administrative contact information is "not held" and the subsequent blanket withholding of this data.

While I acknowledge that clinical mailboxes used solely for patient data should not be disclosed, the Board inevitably uses electronic endpoints to communicate operationally with independent GP contractors (e.g., sending contract updates, public health directives, and administrative notices). If the Board routes this administrative communication to the direct email addresses of Practice Managers (the "individuals" mentioned in your response), then those endpoints function as the main administrative contacts and fall squarely within the scope of my request.

If the Board considers a Practice Manager's email address to be exempt personal data under Section 38(1)(b) of FOISA because it contains their name, the correct legal procedure is not to issue a blanket refusal or claim the data is "not held." Instead, the Board has a duty to redact the identifying elements of the email string (e.g., providing [Redacted]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk) to disclose the functional administrative routing information while protecting the individual's identity.

Practice Managers are senior administrative officials managing publicly funded contracts; their official business contact routes carry a low expectation of absolute privacy when balanced against the public interest of transparency.

I request that you conduct a thorough internal review, identify the electronic endpoints used for non-clinical, operational communication with these practices, and release them, applying redactions to purely personal identifiers where strictly necessary.

Review Response:

To clarify, Primary Care communicate with practices via PMs and/or GP Partners via individual (named) email addresses or clinical mailboxes, which would not be shared as below.

The original request stated *'For the avoidance of doubt, I am requesting publicly-held administrative contact addresses rather than personal email addresses of individual clinicians.'* There are no 'generic' administrative email addresses held for practices nor do we hold a list of publicly available addresses. Practices may choose to advertise a contact email address of their website – again, this information is not held.

We have provided a list of email addresses with the names redacted. The names have been removed as this is regarded a personal information – Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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.

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS
Telephone: 01334 464610
Fax: 01334 464611
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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Reviewer/
NHS Lothian
cc: Executive Nurse Director

Practice number	Practice Agreed Names	Email Address
Edinburgh North East		
70126	Southfield Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70179	Leith Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70179	Leith Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70179	Leith Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70179	Leith Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70179	Leith Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70198	Niddrie Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70198	Niddrie Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70215	Craigmillar Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70268	Brunton Place Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70268	Brunton Place Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70268	Brunton Place Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70427	Milton Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70499	Annandale Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70521	The Hopetoun Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70521	The Hopetoun Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70569	Restalrig Park Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70605	Durham Road Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70605	Durham Road Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70658	Baronscourt Medical Partnership	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70658	Baronscourt Medical Partnership	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70658	Baronscourt Medical Partnership	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70658	Baronscourt Medical Partnership	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70658	Baronscourt Medical Partnership	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70747	Summerside MP	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70785	St Triduana's Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70785	St Triduana's Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70982	The Victoria Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70982	The Victoria Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70982	The Victoria Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71114	Leith Mount Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71114	Leith Mount Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71398	Links Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71523	Barclay Medical Practice Leith	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
	Capital Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
Edinburgh North West		
70094	Stockbridge HC - Green Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70220	Ladywell Medical Centre (West)	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70220	Ladywell Medical Centre (West)	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

70234	The Long House Surgery	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70234	The Long House Surgery	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70234	The Long House Surgery	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70234	The Long House Surgery	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70234	The Long House Surgery	@nhs.scot
70272	Bangholm Medical Centre	@nhs.scot
70319	West End Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
70319	West End Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70319	West End Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70361	Ladywell Medical Centre (East)	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70408	Dr Thyne & Partners (Blue Practice)	@nhs.scot
70408	Dr Thyne & Partners (Blue Practice)	@nhs.scot
70501	Murrayfield Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70535	Blackhall Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70573	Crewe Medical Centre	@nhs.scot
70662	Muirhouse Medical group	@nhs.scot
70662	Muirhouse Medical Group	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70709	Davidsons Mains Medical Centre	@nhs.scot
70709	Davidsons Mains Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70709	Davidsons Mains Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71025	Murrayfield Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71129	Cramond Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71129	Cramond Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71326	Eyre Group Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71326	Eyre Group Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71434	Barclay Medical Practice East Craigs	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71434	Barclay Medical Practice East Craigs	@nhs.scot
71487	Parkgrove Medical Practice	@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
71487	Parkgrove Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71487	Parkgrove Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
78171	South Queensferry Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Edinburgh South East

70164	Ferniehill Surgery	@nhs.scot
70291	Inchpark Surgery	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70323	Bruntsfield Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70323	Bruntsfield Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
70376	Liberton Medical Group	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70381	Mackenzie Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70381	Mackenzie Medical Centre	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70412	Grange Medical Group	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70451	Meadows Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70470	Dalkeith Road Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
70470	Dalkeith Road Medical Practice	@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70588	The Southern Medical Group	
70588	The Southern Medical Group	@nhs.scot
70588	The Southern Medical Group	@nhs.scot
70588	The Southern Medical Group	@nhs.scot

70592	University Health Service	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70639	Dr A Comiskey and Partners	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70639	Dr A Comiskey and Partners	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70639	Dr A Comiskey and Partners	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70790	Morningside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70790	Morningside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70841	St Leonards Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70841	St Leonards Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70841	St Leonards Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70893	Braefoot Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70893	Braefoot Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70963	Edinburgh Access Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70963	Edinburgh Access Practice	
71171	Challenging Behaviour Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71379	Boroughloch Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71379	Boroughloch Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71379	Boroughloch Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71379	Boroughloch Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71449	Hermitage Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71449	Hermitage Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71449	Hermitage Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71472	Gracemount Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71472	Gracemount Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71472	Gracemount Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71472	Gracemount Medical Group	[REDACTED]nhs.scot

Edinburgh South West

70075	Braids Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70107	Leven Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70107	Leven Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70107	Leven Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70131	Colinton Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70253	Whinpark Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70253	Whinpark Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70253	Whinpark Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70610	Craiglockhart Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70906	Sighthill Red Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70906	Sighthill Red Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70911	Sighthill Green Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70925	Riccarton General Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70925	Riccarton General Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70930	The Pentlands Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70930	The Pentlands Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70978	Wester Hailes Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
70978	Wester Hailes Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70978	Wester Hailes Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70997	Slateford Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
70997	Slateford Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

70997	Slateford Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71082	Springwell Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71082	Springwell Medical Group	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
71097	The Firrhill Medical Centre	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71222	Gilmore MP	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71420	Ratho Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
71420	Ratho Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot

East Lothian

76000	Tyne Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76029	Gullane MP	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76029	Gullane MP	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76033	The Riverside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76033	The Riverside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76033	The Riverside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76033	The Riverside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76033	The Riverside Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76052	Harbours Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76071	Lammermuir Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76086	Whitesands Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76086	Whitesands Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76103	The Orchard Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76122	Prestonpans Group Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76137	North Berwick Group Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76137	North Berwick Group Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76137	North Bewrick Group Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76141	Inveresk Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76161	Lauderdale Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76161	Lauderdale Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
76180	Cromwell Harbour Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76194	East Linton Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76194	East Linton Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76194	East Linton Surgery	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76211	Ormiston MP	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76211	Ormiston MP	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
76226	Tranent MP	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot

Midlothian

77036	Eastfield Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
77055	Dalhousie Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
77074	Quarryfoot Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
77093	Roslin Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
77106	Newbattle Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
77111	Penicuik Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk
77125	Pathhead Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
77125	Pathhead Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot
77125	Pathhead Medical Practice	[REDACTED]@nhs.scot

77125	Pathhead Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
77159	Newbyres Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
77197	Dalkeith Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
77271	Strathesk Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
77286	Loanhead Practice - Sutherland House	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
77286	Loanhead Practice - Sutherland House	Loanhead@nhs.scot

West Lothian

78010	Carmondean Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78010	Carmondean Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78024	East Calder Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78024	East Calder Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
78062	Ferguson Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78077	Newland Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
78113	Linden Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78113	Linden Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
78128	Kingsgate Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78128	Kingsgate Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78132	Simpson Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78132	Simpson Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78147	West Calder Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78166	Linlithgow Group Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78190	Whitburn Group Medical Practice	@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk
78190	Whitburn Group Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78241	Barbauchlaw Group Practice	@nhs.scot
78241	Barbauchlaw Group Practice	@nhs.scot
78255	Howden Health Centre	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78255	Howden Health Centre	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78260	Dedridge Medical Group	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78306	The Wood Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
78311	The Craigshill Partnership	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78311	The Craigshill Partnership	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78330	Ashgrove Group Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78359	Almond Group Practice	@nhs.scot
78397	Barclay Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
78397	Barclay Medical Practice	@nhs.scot
	Barclay Medical Practice - Fauldhouse	
78414	Barclay Medical Practice - Fauldhouse	@nhs.scot
78414		@nhs.scot
78429	Murieston Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
78429	Murieston Medical Practice	@nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk
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		@nhs.scot