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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RESIDENTIAL CARE

I write in response to your request for information in relation residential care.

Question:

1. Please supply the name, job title, telephone number and email address of the commissioner with responsibility for mental health placements for adults aged 18 to 64, covering residential, nursing and supported living.
2. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18 to 64 with a primary diagnosis of mental health funded by the Health Board in long-term care – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately. Please give an end-of-year snapshot (at 31 March) for each of 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, and the most up-to-date figure available for 2026/27.
3. Please provide the number of new long-term placements made for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately. Please give the number during 2025/26 (year to 31 March 2026) and during 2026/27 to date.
4. Please provide the highest, lowest and average weekly rate paid for placements for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need – residential care, nursing care and supported living separately – for 2026/27 or the latest year available, together with the average for 2025/26 for comparison. For supported living, please give the care and support fee only, excluding rent and housing costs, and please state the average hourly rate if care and support is commissioned by the hour. If you use weekly rate bands, please give these too.
5. Please provide a list of providers of residential care, nursing care and supported living used by the Health Board for adults aged 18 to 64 with a mental health need. For each provider, please give the setting (residential, nursing or supported living), the number of service users, and the gross expenditure, using the latest month available (or financial year 2025/26 if not), and state the month used.

Answer:

I am advised that the requested information is not held by NHS Lothian. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise you that we do not hold

the requested information. I am further advised that you should contact the Local Authorities who can help you further.

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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.

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

Yours sincerely

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