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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – EQUIPMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation equipment for Edinburgh and East Lothian.

Question:

- I am conducting research on the benefits of equipment in Scotland, focusing on delivery systems, costs, timelines, and equity across tenure types. To support this work, I am requesting data held by your Health & Social Care Partnership/Local Authority specifically in relation to Equipment (involving mainly equipment prescribed by Occupational Therapists but will likely also include equipment provided via Health and/or Education based colleagues).

Answer:

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

The Local Authorities are the best source of this information, and I am aware you have contacted them already.

I hope the Local Authorities can 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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