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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RIE PARKING

I write in response to your request for information in relation parking at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Question:

- Now that the supplementary agreement has been agreed between NHS Lothian and Consort in relation to the RIE, please can you tell me how much money, to date, Consort has received to make up for the fact the Scottish Government has mandated that parking should be free of charge at the RIE.

Answer:

I am advised that the cost is £400,000 a quarter and this started in 2020. The cost includes operational costs for the car park (it is still barriered to control access and therefore still needs to be staffed).

I hope the information provided helps 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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