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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RIE HANDBACK

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh (RIE) handback.

Question:

- Who is responsible for overseeing the handback process and associated remedial works.

Answer:

Pre-empting the financial resource provided via the Available Sums, the Capital Asset Working Group (CASWG) was established to review proposed lifecycle works to the end of the concession period, this being 13 December 2027. Membership consists of representation from NHS Lothian, Consort and Equans and is accountable to a Project Board and the Executive Steering Group. Decisions are then ratified by the Finance and Resource Committee. A lifecycle programme had been previously developed by Consort and has been subject to review to enable NHS Lothian to consider and prioritise works which require to be delivered utilising the Available Sum.

Question:

- What assurances are in place to ensure the required works are completed before handback.

Answer:

The appointment of contracts are either timed to complete prior to handover or have permit novation of the contracts from Consort to NHS Lothian. It is expected that a number of the works will continue post handover

Question:

- Any background on why significant remedial works have been identified.

Answer:

Some were not known until recently or had been identified but access had been difficult due to the continued operational requirements of the hospital.

Question:

- Any information that can be shared regarding governance, monitoring arrangements, or reported funding issues.

Answer:

Governance has been detailed in point above. It is anticipated that the available sum generated from the termination of the contract in December 2027 will not cover the cost of all works required.

Additional information is also available within a previous response:

<https://org.nhsllothian.scot/foi/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2026/08/11673.pdf>

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

- Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

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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