

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – WOMEN'S HEALTH

I write in response to your request for information in relation to women's health expenditure in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Please provide all financial expenditure, central funding allocations, specific grants, and research funding allocated by your organization for the following clinical and service areas in each of the financial years from 2016/17 to 2025/26:

1. Endometriosis (including specialized gynaecological care and diagnostic pathways)

Answer:

Endometriosis care is funded as part of overall Women's Services and there is not a separate budget for this.

Question:

2. Miscarriages/Pregnancy Loss (including early pregnancy assessment units and post-loss support services)

Answer:

These services are funded as part of Maternity Services and there is not a separate budget currently. For 2025-26 the Miscarriage Framework is providing funding of £225,000, but the use of the funding is still in the planning stage.

Question:

3. Contractual Sexual Health Services (including commissioned STI testing, contraception services, and community sexual health clinics)

Answer:

Due to historical reporting limitations and availability of financial records, expenditure on sexual health services can only be provided from the financial year 2019/20 onwards. This information is detailed in the table below:

Sexual Health Services expenditure, NHS Lothian		
Financial year	Budget	Expenditure
2019/20	£6,096k	£6,111k
2020/21	£6,199k	£5,838k
2021/22	£6,511k	£6,305k
2022/23	£7,030k	£7,159k
2023/24	£7,338k	£7,271k
2024/25	£7,947k	£7,809k
2025/26	£8,657k	£8,538k

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 <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.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top 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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