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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CONSULTATION PAPERS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to consultation papers.

Question:

- I wish to make a Freedom of Information Request for all consultation papers regarding the potential merger of NHS Lothian into other health boards.

Answer:

I am advised by the Chief Executive's Office of NHS Lothian and Subnational - Scotland East that the search for consultation papers about the proposed merger of health boards has not identified any information within the scope of your request. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold any consultation papers in relation to this.

I am sorry I cannot help further with your request at this time.

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.nhsllothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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