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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – MISCARRIAGE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to nationwide data on miscarriages.

Question:

- Under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request an update regarding the nationwide tracking, compliance, and financial allocation data held by the Scottish Government concerning the Delivery Framework for Miscarriage Care in Scotland. Please provide the following information:

1. From the standardized monitoring framework documents and action plan templates submitted to the Scottish Government by the 14 regional NHS Boards, please provide:
   a. The exact nationwide percentage or breakdown of the 34 deliverables currently marked as 'Fully Completed', 'In Progress', or 'Not Started' across Scotland.
   b. A summary table or spreadsheet showing the completion/in-progress status of each individual standard (across Tiers 1,2, and 3) mapped against all 14 NHS Boards.
   c. For any Tier 1 or Tier 2 standards not yet universally completed across all 14 boards, please provide the recorded reasons for the delay and the adjusted forecasted dates for full nationwide compliance.

2. Regarding the £1.5 million allocated nationally to support NHS Boards with this rollout:
   a. A breakdown of the exact financial allocations distributed to each of the 14 regional NHS Boards.
   b. Any central audit data/expense logs held by the government that detail how these funds were utilized by the boards. Specifically, identifying the proportions spent on structural hospital upgrades (e.g., dedicated units) versus general midwifery staffing or clinical backfill.

3. Regarding nationwide physical space and facility audits:
   a. The total number and names of hospitals across Scotland that have been logged by the government as having fully functional, operational private rooms

or dedicated early pregnancy spaces for patients who are experiencing loss that are separate from active labour and/or maternity wards.
b. The total number and names of hospitals that are currently logged as non-compliant or still undergoing structural adaptations to meet this specific space mandate.

Answer:

I must advise that NHS Lothian does not hold national data and information in relation to miscarriage. I would advise that you contact the Scottish Government directly for this information.

Email contactus@gov.scot
Write to:
General Enquiries Scottish Government
St. Andrew's House
Regent Road
Edinburgh
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I am sorry I cannot 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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