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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PAPER PRESCRIPTIONS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to paper prescriptions.

Question:

- What has been the spend in each of the past 5 financial years in respect of paper prescription supplies?

Answer:

I am advised that we do not hold this information. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

We advise that you contact **Public Services Delivery Scotland (PSD Scotland)** (formerly Practitioner Services / part of NSS/NES integration) who process NHS prescriptions and contractor payments - https://publicservicesdelivery.scot/contact-us/

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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx

Yours sincerely

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