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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CHIEF EXECUTIVE EXPENSES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Chief Executive expenses in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Can you please provide a breakdown of the Health Board's Chief Executive's total expenses for the last three financial years and this year so far (up to Sep 1)? Can the breakdown include destination, accommodation, and travel (including taxis, trains, and flights by first, business, and economy class)

Answer:

The Chief Executive taxi spend is detailed in the table below. This spend was on travel to the NHS Lothian hospital sites, COSLA conference centre, Bute House, Edinburgh Napier University sites, Scottish Government office, National Education of Scotland offices, St Columba's Hospice and Forth Mission.

Spend on Chief Executive taxi travel, NHS Lothian	
Year	**Spend**
2023/24	£391.00
2024/25	£714.00
2025/26	£1,048.00
2026/27 (1 April – 31 August 2026)	£359.00

Other expenses during this period are listed below:

Chief executive expenses, NHS Lothian		
Year	**Description**	**Spend**
2024	Removal expenses	£16,200
2025	Removal expenses	£3,924
2026	Train travel to Hyndland	£99
2026	Train travel to Aberdeen	£129

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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