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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PHARMACEUTICAL LIST

I write in response to your request for information in relation to the Pharmaceutical List.

Question:

1. Whether IP address information, IP logs, device identifiers, audit logs or other technical metadata associated with electronically submitted questionnaires was retained.
2. If such information was retained, whether NHS Lothian carried out any checks or analysis to identify:
   - multiple questionnaire submissions originating from the same IP address
   - unusually high numbers of submissions from the same IP address or network
   - other indicators of duplicate, coordinated or potentially fraudulent submissions.
3. The number of questionnaire submissions that originated from IP addresses which were also associated with one or more other submissions.
4. The number of distinct IP addresses from which more than one questionnaire was submitted, broken down into:
   - 2 submissions
   - 3-5 submissions
   - 6-10 submissions
   - 11-20 submissions
   - more than 20 submissions
5. Whether any submissions were flagged, investigated, discounted, excluded or otherwise treated differently because of concerns regarding duplicate, coordinated or potentially fraudulent responses.
6. Any policies, procedures, guidance or criteria used to verify the authenticity of questionnaire responses

Answer:

I am advised that the Rosewell joint consultation took place on the previous version of JISC which we no longer have access to. We cannot confirm if the IP address of the respondent was among the data that version of JISC was gathering.

There is no policy or procedure in place to verify the authenticity of electronic questionnaire responses.

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

I am sorry we cannot help further with this 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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