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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TREATMENT COST

I write in response to your request for information in relation to treatment cost.

Question:

- I am aware that as a resident, my care was funded via general taxation and did not produce an invoice. However, the foreign insurer requires a formal declaration of the "notional" or commercial value of the services.
  Can your overseas visitor or finance team provide a short letter confirming the standard non-resident tariff rates or internal reference costs for the following 2025 services?
  1. A standard General Practitioner (GP) consultation.
  2. A plain-film X-ray performed at Western General Hospital.

Answer:

Costs are

- Standard GP appt - £48 - Source : PSSRU Unit costs of Health & Social Care 2025 for a 10 minute appointment .
- Western General Hospital plain x-ray - £46 from 2025-26 PLICS .

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

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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