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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – IT SPEND

I write in response to your request for information in relation to IT Spend. Please note there are no Trusts within the NHS in Scotland.

Question:

1. What is your Trust's capital and revenue IT spend for the following financial year? FY 2025/2026 (£):

2. Please break this figure down into the following categories, providing the capital and revenue cost for each, for the above requested financial year:
   Categories:
   a. IT staff cost
   b. Software
   c. Services
   d. Hardware
   e. Communication equipment
   f. Other IT spend

Answer:

Category	2025/26 Spend
IT Staff	£20,588,197.16
Software	£9,401,697.78
Services	
Hardware	£11,430,958.50
Communication Equipment	£154,323.19
Other IT Spend	
Total	£41,575,176.63

We will not answer Services or Other IT Services as they are too vague, if you provide further detail we can look at this again.

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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