

18 July 2025

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Dear Andrew,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act – Request for Information

I refer to your email of 6 July 2025 in which you make a Freedom of Information Request on the following terms:

I am writing to formally request information regarding a fatal incident that took place on 2 November 2024 in the Cowgate area of Edinburgh, in which a 74-year-old pedestrian—identified in media reports as Michael Leneghan—was fatally injured by a single-decker bus operated by your company.

Given the severity of the incident and its significant public visibility, I would be grateful for clarification on the following matters:

- 1. Has Lothian Buses conducted or commissioned an internal investigation or safety review in response to the incident?*
- 2. Were any changes made to route planning, driver training, or operational protocols as a result of the findings?*
- 3. Has Lothian Buses engaged with Police Scotland, the City of Edinburgh Council, or the Crown Office during or following the incident investigation?*
- 4. Was a Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) initiated or supported by Lothian Buses, or has the company received any formal notification about potential proceedings?*
- 5. Can you confirm the current employment or disciplinary status of the driver involved, and whether support was provided to staff and the victim's family?*

FOISA entitles citizens with a right to **recorded** information held by public authorities. Please find our response to your request outlined below:

Lothian Buses do not hold any **recorded information** relating to your enquiry. I therefore give notice under Section 17 of the Act, 'Information not Held,' that Lothian do not hold the information you requested.

For your further information, the vehicle involved in the incident in which you refer to in your request was **not operated by Lothian Buses**.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have a right to request a review by submitting a request in writing within 40 working days of this response.

If after this review you are still dissatisfied, you have the right of appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Scottish Information Commission can be contacted as follows:

Enquiries line – telephone: 01334 464 610
Enquiries line – email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info
Address: Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews,
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Further information on freedom of information can be obtained from the Scottish Information Commission's website: www.itspublicknowledge.info.

Yours sincerely,

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