

Freedom of Information request 150-17

Request

The requested information will be held within your pathology/histopathology laboratories and is in relation to PD-L1 testing offered. Attached to this email is a questionnaire, in a multiple-choice tick box format. The nature of the information requested and the format of the questionnaire should mean that this will not be time consuming for the laboratories to complete. Even if PD-L1 testing is not performed in-house by your own laboratories, please still forward the questionnaire to the relevant department, as the laboratory may send-out their PD-L1 testing to an external institution and information regarding the institution to which they send their samples is also relevant to this request.

Response

NHS Borders have not performed or received any requests for PD-L1 testing in our health board area. Under FOI regulations we would be unable to forward on your request to the relevant laboratory, a new FOI would need to be sent direct from yourself. Unfortunately as we have not received requests for this testing we are unable to determine which laboratory would be used in the event of a request so cannot provide you with their details to send on a FOI request too. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **150-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.