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## Freedom of Information request 413-18

## Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we are asking for information about the number of diagnostic tests carried out in the hospitals across your Health Board for certain infectious diseases in the twelve months from April 2017 to March 2018.

Please would you ask your hospitals to complete the attached table in as much detail as possible. The Pathology Laboratories or Point of Care co-ordinators at your hospitals may have this information readily to hand.

At first glance the table looks very detailed; however, there will be many sections that will not be relevant to some hospitals and will therefore be left blank.

Terminology used in the table

- 'Test Type' e.g. molecular or immunoassay.
- 'Near Patient' = tests carried out at the ward, A&E, etc. and not done in a laboratory.
- 'Laboratory within your Hospital'= for example, a pathology laboratory at your hospital.
- 'Laboratory outside your Hospital' = are the tests carried out off-site at another location? This is not another site/building within your hospital but could be another NHS hospital or private laboratory.
- 'Other' = are tests carried out anywhere else?
- 'NHS/Private' = are the tests carried out by NHS staff/at an NHS facility or carried out by a private provider? 'Private' includes private laboratories based at your hospital.

## Response

Please find below data as held by NHS Borders:

No specific tests/requests for Strep Pneumo or Group A Streptococcus – Organisms are cultured from a wide variety of samples – therefore it is not possible to quantify.

HIV, Hepatitis B and C are all immunoassays carried out on a commercial platform.

No POCT performed.

Infectious Disease	Test Type	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018									
		'Near Patient' (not in a laboratory)					Laboratory <u>within</u> your Hospital		Laboratory <u>outside</u> your Hospital		
		NHS									Other (please
		MAU	A&E	Paed. Ward	Other Ward (please specify)	Total	NHS	Private	NHS	Private	specify)
Influenza A/B	Molecular								1894		
	Lateral Flow										

Infectious Disease	Test Type Other (please specify)	Number of Diagnostic Tests carried out in the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018									
		'Near Patient' (not in a laboratory)				Laboratory <u>within</u> your Hospital		Laboratory <u>outside</u> your Hospital		Other (please specify)	
	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
Streptococcus Pneumoniae	Culture										
	Immunoas say (EIA)										
	Other (please specify)										
	Molecular										
Group A	Lateral Flow										
Streptococcus	Culture										
	Other (please specify)										
	Molecular										
Clostridium difficile	Lateral Flow					1166					
(GDH and Toxin)	Immunoas say (EIA)										
	Other (please specify)										
Hepatitis B	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
	Immunoas say (EIA)					2600					
	Other (please specify)										
Hepatitis C	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
	Immunoas say (EIA)					1424					
	Other (please specify)										
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Molecular							1894			
	Lateral Flow					86					
	Other (please specify)										

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HIV	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow										
	Other (please specify)					3421					
Legionella	Molecular										
	Lateral Flow							105			
	Culture							2			
	Immunoas say (EIA)							13			
	Other (please specify)										

**Notes:** All boxes left blank within the above table equate to no information being available, 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 **413-18** 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, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.