

Freedom of Information request 434-19

Request

I am writing to request some information about your Health Board under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you please provide the following information to me via email?

- 1) Does your Health Board routinely offer Mass Spectrometry testing for Diagnostic purposes? (please answer either yes or no to this question)
- 2) If you answered yes to question 1, can you please provide a list of which assays / tests are routinely run on the Mass Spectrometry system in your Health Board?
- 3) Does your Health Board send away samples (to locations outside of your Health Board) for Mass Spectrometry testing? (please answer either yes or no to this question).
- 4) If you answered yes to question 3, can you please list the assays / tests which are run on the samples you send away?

Response

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
- 3-4 NHS Borders send away tests to other Laboratories outwith the area. We do not hold data on what analysis they use as long as they are accredited. We do not send tests for Mass Spectrometry but for analysis and results.

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 **434-19** 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.

