

## Freedom of Information request 195-20

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### Request

Could the Board please provide the following under freedom of information legislation:

- The capacity for carrying out COVID-19 tests at testing sites in the Board area, as opposed to laboratory test processing capacity, broken down by (a) NHS (i) fixed and (ii) mobile testing sites and (b) UK Government (i) fixed and (ii) mobile testing sites.

### Response

#### (a) NHS

(i) Fixed – NHS Borders COVID-19 Testing Team can carry out 60 tests per day. This does not include any hospital inpatient testing.

(ii) Mobile Testing Sites - NHS Borders COVID-19 Testing Team can deliver satellite site testing in response to any outbreak where health care staff and patient testing is deemed a priority. This testing facility includes staff and patient/client testing in the care sector. In addition, increasing access to testing has also been achieved by providing transport for those staff who are unable to come into the Borders General Hospital testing centre on their own.

- (b) This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

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](mailto: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 **195-20** 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.