

Freedom of Information request 209-20

Request

Under FOI legislation can I please request the following, for your health board:

1. The number of testing machines in each clinical laboratory since January 2020 till present. Broken down by month and clinical laboratory?
2. How old each testing machine is in each laboratory, when was it last safety checked, how often should it be safety checked?
3. Reports of any broken or faulty testing machines in clinical laboratories from January 2020 till present?
4. Reports of plans to purchase any new testing machines at your clinical laboratories?

Response

1. There have been 3 testing machines in NHS Borders clinical laboratory since January 2020.
2. Please find details as per request:

1 - Installed as new 4 January 2019, serviced 15 January 2020, scheduled for annual service
2 - Installed as new 9 April 2020, scheduled for annual service
3 - On loan from NHS Lothian, no record held on age of machine, serviced at install on 21 April 2020, scheduled for annual service
3. There has been 1 fault recorded on since January 2020 to present.
4. No plans currently.

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 **209-20** 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.