

Freedom of Information request 539-22

Request

Would you please supply the following information:

1. The number of bronchial challenge tests performed by the Board, and at which sites within the Board, during 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022?
2. The chemical agent used for the test e.g. mannitol or methacholine?
3. The providers of bronchial challenge testing on behalf of the trust, should this be a procedure that is referred elsewhere?
4. The contact details of the sites/departments performing the tests?

Response

1. The number of Bronchial Challenge Tests performed at the Borders General Hospital, NHS Borders are as follows:

2019	5
2020	0
2021	0
2022	0

Please note that this is classed as an Aerosol Generating Procedure and therefore no tests were able to be performed during the Covid period.

2. The chemical agent used for the test is Mannitol.
3. NHS Borders perform the Bronchial Challenge Test in-house.
4. The tests are performed by the Physiological Measurement Department at the Borders General Hospital, telephone number 01896 826000.

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 **539-22** 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.