

## Freedom of Information request 172-23

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### Request

I'd like information related to cervical screening and testing for Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

Please may you provide me with:

1. the details of HPV assay used by your NHS board in cervical screenings (the manufacturer and type).
2. its sensitivity and specificity.
3. the proportion of void tests.
4. its price.
5. If your board performs cervical cytology, the sensitivity, specificity and proportion of void tests for cervical cytology.
6. If your board performs laboratory tests, the annual capacity of the laboratory (how many tests the laboratory can process) for cervical cytology and for HPV tests.

If more than one HPV assay product is used across the NHS board, please list responses to requests 1-6 for all the products used and the locations where each of different assays is used.

### Response

All cervical screening samples taken within the national Cervical Screening programme, that are tested for HPV (and positives go on to get cytology), are tested by one of two national screening laboratories in Scotland – Borders samples go to Monklands Cervical Screening laboratory in Lanarkshire.

Also, some cervical samples are taken at Colposcopy (out with the national screening programme) and these are only tested for HPV – these are sent to the National Reference laboratory in Lothian.

Therefore, the information requested is not held by NHS Borders, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere:

NHS Lothian [foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

NHS Lanarkshire [foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

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 **172-23** 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.