

Freedom of Information request 216-23

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request answers to the following questions in relation to H.Pylori testing in hospitals throughout your Trust please.

1. How do you test for H. Pylori infection during upper GI endoscopies ? Please specify what tests you use, eg, Culture Biopsy (Pathology), Urease.
2. How many H. Pylori tests are performed in a typical month?
3. Who decides to purchase H. Pylori tests?
4. Which H.Pylori test(s) do you use most?
5. Why do you use these tests most?
6. Where in the hospital is the test usually done, and by whom?
7. What medication do you use to treat H, Pylori? Please give drug name and brand.
8. What is the typical cost per test? Please give an estimate for unbranded or laboratory own tests.
9. Do you use a Urease test for H. Pylori? If not, what type of test do you use? Eg breath test, culture, etc.
10. If you use a Urease test for H. Pylori, what type of Urease H. Pylori test do you use? Please give drug name and brand

Response

1. Urease
2. 24
3. Pharmacy
4. Pronto Dry
5. Available from Hospital Pharmacy
6. Endoscopy/Theatre by Medical Endoscopist / GI Surgeon.
7. This information is accessible via the following link: [ERF-GI-Chapter-Adult-2023-03-01.pdf \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#)
Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.
8. Approx £5

9. Urease

10. Pronto Dry

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 **216-23** 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.