

## Freedom of Information request 573-23

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### Request

I am looking for figures on the number of sexual health screening tests that you have carried out over the last five and a half years.

1. I am looking for figures on asymptomatic tests, which were booked on your website on the basis of attendees reporting that they had no symptoms/exposure. I am also looking for figures on the number of asymptomatic tests booked over the phone, and the number of asymptomatic tests carried out via GP referrals.

I am looking for the data on this for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and the first six months of 2023 (Jan-June).

2. For each year please make clear how many of these tests were "no talk" tests and how many of them were attended by a clinician/face-to-face. How many (if any) "no talk" tests were carried out where the person was under 18 in each year?
3. I am also looking for information about the results of these tests. Please indicate how many of the tests were positive for one or more STDs in each year (as above). How many of the positive results were from "no talk" tests and how many were those where a clinician was present?
4. How many tests each year were requested by people in the following age brackets. What percentage were positive for one or more STD?  
a)under 16 b)16-18 c)19-29 d)30-44 e)45-64 f)65 plus
5. How many people each year did not follow-up to receive the results of the test?

Please provide the information on a spreadsheet(s), either as a CSV or google document.

### Response

The information for all questions is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

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 **573-23** 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.