

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – COVID-19 PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to COVID-19 prescribing.

Question:

1. What are the policy guidelines/arrangements in your Health Board for providing antivirals or prophylaxis to patients with a COVID-19 infection? broken down by the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (most recent):

Answer:

Please see enclosed documents detailing treatments available to patients with COVID-19 infection including antivirals and other medicines. Prophylaxis is not indicated for patients with a confirmed infection.

Question:

2. How many people with a COVID-19 infection have been prescribed a) antivirals or b) prophylaxis? broken down by the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (most recent):

Answer:

a) **Antivirals** - Data for non-hospitalised patients:

2021	0
2022	2045
2023	1090
2024 (to 31/03/24)	95

b) **prophylaxis** –

People who are prescribed prophylaxis to *prevent* a condition or infection, therefore no patients with a COVID-19 infection have been prescribed prophylaxis.

Question:

3. How many people with a COVID-19 infection have been prescribed Molnupiravir a) within 5 days of Covid symptoms or b) after 5 days? broken down by the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (most recent):

Answer:

a) **within 5 days of COVID symptoms** - *Data for non-hospitalised patients:*

2021	0
2022	644
2023	196
2024 (to 31/03/24)	19

b) **after 5 days** - *Data for non-hospitalised patients:*

2021	0
2022	0
2023	0
2024 (to 31/03/24)	0

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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