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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to diagnostic tests.

Question:

- Please provide the following information:
  - The total number of Influenza A/B, COVID-19, and RSV diagnostic tests performed by your Trust during the calendar years of 2024 and 2025, broken down by test type.
  - If available, please indicate the type of tests used (e.g., rapid antigen, rapid molecular, RT-PCR).
  - Any associated data on positivity rates for these tests, if recorded.

Answer:

All RT- PCR

	FluA	FluB	RSV	COVId-19
2024	55,847	55,847	54,226	57,131
2025	55,396	55,396	53,925	56,058

Solid phase Electrochemical which covers Flu A, FLu B, RSv and COVID	
2024	1,503
2025	1,380

Positivity data is not captured. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise that we do not hold this information.

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

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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.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI/Pages/default.aspx

Yours sincerely

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