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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – RESPIRATORY DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to general practices and respiratory diagnostic tests.

Question:

1. How many general practices or within the health board provide respiratory diagnostic tests such as a) spirometry and b) fractional exhaled nitric oxide tests.
2. How many general practices refer patients to community health centres or hubs (excluding secondary care such as hospitals) for respiratory diagnostic tests such as a) spirometry and b) fractional exhaled nitric oxide tests.
3. Name each community health centre or hub that provides respiratory diagnostic tests and list the cluster of general practices that are in the boundary of each centre/hub.

Answer:

This information may be held by individual GP Practices. As independent contractors GPs are responsible for dealing with their own complaints and FOI(S)A Requests. As per Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 formally I must advise you that we do not hold this information.

I am sorry I cannot help 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](http://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.

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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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