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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PATHOLOGY TEST VOLUMES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to Pathology test volumes.

Question:

- Specifically, for each pathology test listed, please provide the annual test volumes for your most recent complete reporting period, either:
 - Financial Year (e.g. 2025/26), or
 - Calendar Year (2025),
 - whichever is most readily available.
- Where possible, please provide the number of tests performed under the following categories:
 - Core Laboratory Test Numbers per Annum
 - Point of Care/Rapid Test Numbers per Annum
 - Sent Away/Referred Test Numbers per Annum

We would be grateful if you could provide the information requested in the attached spreadsheet.

Answer:

Please find enclosed spreadsheet to answer your request.

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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Executive Director, Nursing
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Test	Core Lab Test Numbers per Annum	Point of Care/Rapid Test Numbers per Annum	Sent Away/Referred Test Numbers per Annum
Sexually Transmitted Infections			
CT - Chlamydia trachomatis - Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT)	74,476	0	
LGV - Lymphogranuloma venereum - NAAT	316	0	
NG - Neisseria gonorrhoeae - NAAT	74,476	0	
NG - Neisseria gonorrhoeae - Quinolone Resistance NAAT	0	0	
TV - Trichomonas vaginalis - NAAT	0	0	
TV - Trichomonas vaginalis - Culture/Microscopy	21,026	0	
MG - Mycoplasma Genitalium - NAAT	807	0	
MG - Mycoplasma Genitalium - Culture/Microscopy	0	0	
MG - Mycoplasma Genitalium Macrolide Resistance - NAAT	807	0	
MG - Mycoplasma Genitalium Fluoroquinolone Resistance - NAAT	0	0	
HSV 1 - Herpes Simplex Virus 1 - NAAT	7395	0	
HSV 2 - Herpes Simplex Virus 2 - NAAT	7395	0	
HSV 3 - Herpes Simplex Virus 3 (VZV) - NAAT	4125	0	
Syphilis - Treponema pallidum - all tests	PCR 1450 IgG/total Ab - 35839 RPR/AIX - 4724 TPHA - 566 (discontinued during year) Liaison -167 (replaced TPHA)	0	
Mpox - General Mpox - NAAT	69	0	
Mpox 1 - Mpox Clade I - NAAT	16	0	
Mpox 2 - Mpox Clade II - NAAT	11	0	
Respiratory Viruses			
Flu A - Influenza Type A - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	25999	29671	
Flu B - Influenza Type B - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	25999	29671	
RSV - Respiratory Syncytial Virus - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	25999	28113	
Covid-19 - SARS-CoV-2 - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	25999	29671	
HMPV - Human Metapneumovirus - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	151	2412	
Adv - Adenovirus - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	3251	2412	
RV - Rhinovirus - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	254	2412	
Enterovirus - NAAT (singleplex or as part of a syndromic panel)	1873	0	
Paraflu - Parainfluenza Type 1-4 - NAAT	165	2412	
Pertussis - Bordetella pertussis - NAAT	858	2412	
Parapertussis - Bordetella parapertussis - NAAT (number the same if multiplexed with above)	N/A	0	
MP - Mycoplasma pneumoniae - NAAT (singleplex or as part of syndromic panel)	5065	2412	
Gastrointestinal Infections			
Gastrointestinal Bacterial Syndromic Test - NAAT	N/A	0	
Gastrointestinal Bacterial Syndromic Test - Culture/Microscopy	32,028	0	
Gastrointestinal Viral Syndromic Test - NAAT	6259	0	
Gastrointestinal Parasitology - NAAT	5894	0	
Gastrointestinal Parasitology - Culture/Microscopy	8,671	0	
Norovirus - NAAT	6259	0	
Rotavirus - NAAT	6259	0	
Bloodborne Pathogens			
Malaria - NAAT	27	0	