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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PSA TESTS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to PSA tests in NHS Lothian.

Question:

1. Please provide the total number of PSA tests requested. Can you give the number from 2024 to 30 June 2026, please?

Answer:

149,567 PSA tests were performed between 1 January 2024 and 30 June 2026. We do not record the number of tests requested but not performed.

Question:

2. The number requested from Primary Care

Answer:

136,698 of these tests performed were requested from primary care.

Question:

3. The number requested by Secondary Care.

Answer:

12,869 were requested from secondary care.

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 https://www.foi.scot/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 reviewer at the address at the top 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

Yours sincerely

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