

Ms Jocelyn Hammer  
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By Email

Date 5 May 2021  
Your Ref  
Our Ref FOI 0005863  
Enquiries to Hilary Chalmers  
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Direct Line 01786 433284

Dear Ms Hammer

**Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

We write in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act.

*Thank you for your recent response to my FOI. I am looking for some further information as follows.*

*Seegene Starlet*

*Cepheid Rapid*

*Roche LIAT*

*For each of the PCR systems listed above, please can you tell me the following for Ct values (all genes) in pillar 1 SARS-CoV-2 tests since pillar 1 testing began:*

*Mean, 10th percentile, 25th percentile, 50th percentile, 75th percentile, 90th percentile.*

*Also, can you tell me the percentage of positive tests by gene for each week since pillar 1 testing began?*

*I would like if possible for this to be presented in the same way as sheet 6b of the ONS survey spreadsheet data as shown here.*

*<https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/datasets/coronaviruscovid19infectionsurveydata/2021/covid19infectionsurveydatasets202104011.xlsx>*

**Response:** The information required to respond to this request is held in individual health records, NHS Forth Valley is therefore unable to respond due to the associated costs. NHS Forth Valley is not obliged to comply with a request where the estimated cost of doing so exceeds the cost of compliance (£600). The exemption that we consider applies is set out below together with a breakdown of estimated costs:

**Section 12 (1) Excessive cost of compliance**

**(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a Scottish public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed such amount as may be prescribed in regulations made by the Scottish Ministers; and different amounts may be so prescribed in relation to different cases.**

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Staffing costs: - Tasks	AFC Band	Hours	Hourly rate	Total £
At least 5 minutes to deal with each result (approx. 3000)	7	250	15	3750.00
<b>Total staffing costs</b>				<b>3750.00</b>

We trust this is to your satisfaction. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for review must be made in writing to Miss Deirdre Coyle, Head of Information Governance, NHS Forth Valley, CSD, Colquhoun Street, Stirling, FK7 7PX or [fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot](mailto:fv.freedomofinformation@nhs.scot), no later than forty working days from receipt of the response. Your request must be in permanent form and should state:

- That you are asking for a review of this decision and
- Why you are unhappy with the response you have received.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to ask for advice, assistance or a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

Please feel free to contact us should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hilary Chalmers  
Lead Freedom of Information Officer