

National Procurement  
NHS National Services Scotland  
National Distribution Centre  
2 Swinhill Avenue  
Canderside  
Larkhall  
ML9 2QX

Telephone 01698 794400  
Fax 01698 794401  
[RNID Typetalk; 18001 01698 794400/794410](tel:1800101698794400794410)



Jocelyn Hammer  
[request-731195-63dc7c0b@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-731195-63dc7c0b@whatdotheyknow.com)

Date: 24 March 2021  
Our ref: K: FOI/Ref: 2021-000137  
Direct Line: 0131 275 6807  
Email: [david.steel@nhs.scot](mailto:david.steel@nhs.scot)

Dear Jocelyn Hammer

**Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2021-000137 – PCR Machines Used in NHS Scotland for Pillar 1 Tests**

I refer to your freedom of information request which we received on 24 February 2021 requesting the following information:

**For pillar 1 tests, for each Scottish Health Board, please indicate how many of the following PCR machines are used:**

1. Abbott
2. Diasorin
3. Roche Elecsys
4. Siemens

**If other makes of machines are used, please specify the type and number.**

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, National Procurement of NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold the information that you have requested.

As NSS is a Special Health Board within NHS Scotland we do not hold information for the whole of NHS Scotland as this information is not recorded within our systems. For more information on the services we provide please visit our website for more information by clicking on the link:

<https://nhsnss.org/services/>

To be helpful you should make your request to all of the individual NHS Boards directly who may hold this request. You can find their details via the following link: <https://www.scot.nhs.uk/organisations/> .



**Headquarters**

Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, EDINBURGH EH12 9EB

Chairperson Keith Redpath  
Chief Executive Colin Sinclair

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

Associate Director Information Security & Governance  
Digital & Security  
NHS National Services Scotland  
Headquarters  
Gyle Square  
1 South Gyle Crescent  
Edinburgh  
EH12 9EB

within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Steel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Steel  
Programme Associate Director