

Freedom of Information (FOI)

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Dear Dr Robert S. Coull

RE: Freedom of Information Request 201819/300 - Provision of phlebotomy services

Your Query	Date of Request	September 2018
Please could you describe the provision of phlebotomy services by your Board?		
In addition to District Nurses employed by the Health Board, please describe:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Are phlebotomy services provided by phlebotomists employed by the Health Board?2. Are phlebotomy services provided directly by GP practices by phlebotomists employed by them and, if so, how are GPs remunerated for this?3. How are blood samples transported from the point of collection to the laboratory for processing?4. Do any phlebotomy services provided by your Health Board post blood samples to the laboratory for processing?		
Response		
NHS Orkney can provide a response for our board run GP practices.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NHS Orkney does not employ any phlebotomists. Phlebotomy services are conducted as part of clinical and nursing staff's wider roles.2. Nursing and clinical staff who provide phlebotomy services to our board administered practices are all salaried.3. Samples are transported to the laboratory in sealed containers via van, ferry and air depending on the practice submitting the samples.4. Blood samples are not posted to the laboratory for processing.		

I hope this helps with your request.



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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer
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