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Dear Ms. Grahame,

RE: Freedom of Information Request 202021 / 072 – Covid-19 Orkney Testing Numbers

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| Your Query and NHS Orkney Response | Date of Request | June 2020 |
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Could you please provide me with the following information.

1. Anti Body Testing: how many anti body tests have been conducted by NHS Orkney?
Dates to start from 1st of March 2020. Weekly figures to date.

Antibody testing is not available in Orkney.

2. How many tests for Covid19 has NHS Orkney completed?
Dates to start from 1st of March 2020. Weekly figures to date

NHS Orkney commenced testing April 20th 2020. A total of 680 tests were undertaken between 20/04/2020-24/06/2020.

| Week | Number of tests |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 20/04/20 - 26/04/20 | 35 |
| 27/04/20 - 03/05/20 | 43 |
| 04/05/20 - 10/05/20 | 60 |
| 11/05/20 - 17/05/20 | 70 |
| 18/05/20 - 24/05/20 | 87 |
| 25/05/20 - 31/05/20 | 82 |
| 01/06/20 - 07/06/20 | 87 |
| 08/06/20 - 14/06/20 | 96 |
| 15/06/20 - 21/06/20 | 71 |
| 22/06/20 - 24/06/20 | 49 |

3. How many tests for Covid19 conducted by NHS Orkney have been negative?
Dates to start from 1st of March 2020. Weekly figures to date

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 20/04/20 - 26/04/20 | 34 |
| 27/04/20 - 03/05/20 | 43 |
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4. How many tests for Covid19 conducted by NHS Orkney have been positive?
Dates to start from 1st of March 2020. Weekly figures to date

| Week | Number of tests |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 20/04/20 - 26/04/20 | 1 |
| 27/04/20 - 03/05/20 | 0 |
| 04/05/20 - 10/05/20 | 0 |
| 11/05/20 - 17/05/20 | 0 |
| 18/05/20 - 24/05/20 | 0 |
| 25/05/20 - 31/05/20 | 0 |
| 01/06/20 - 07/06/20 | 0 |
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| 22/06/20 - 24/06/20 | 0 |

5. Is NHS Orkney kept informed of testing numbers and results for other tests for Covid19 which have been carried out within the Board area - e.g those received through the UK online portal? If so what are the weekly figures from 1st of March 2020 of other testing results for Covid19

The use of the UK portal has not been readily available for Orkney residents; testing has been provided by the NHS laboratory.

6. How many individual persons have been tested for Covid19 by NHS Orkney?
Dates to start from 1st of March 2020. Weekly figures to date?

Due to the way testing information is stored, NHS Orkney cannot extract the number of people tested for Covid-19 through their own laboratory from systems in a format that makes reporting the level of detail required easily accessible. The costs involved in the process of obtaining the necessary data would exceed the limits set out in the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002) and therefore NHS Orkney is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

However, 623 people have been tested for Covid-19 through NHS diagnostic and UK government testing centres.

7. Contact tracing - How many people have been traced using Test and Protect since the 28th of May by NHS Orkney?
Percentage or number successfully traced, percentage or number not traced.

100% traced

8. Contact tracing - How many contact tracers does NHS Orkney have working ? Fulltime ? Part time? In reserve?

0 fulltime, 2 part time, 8 in reserve

9. What procedures have been put in place to test all education staff before the return to schooling on 11th August 2020?



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None. This is not part of the Scottish Government testing policy.

I hope this helps with your request.

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Under section 20(1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Orkney has dealt with your request, you have a right to ask for a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request.

A request for review should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and NHS Orkney will reply within 20 working days of receipt. Review requests should be sent in writing to Dr Louise Wilson, Director of Public Health, NHS Orkney, Garden House, New Scapa Road, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1BQ or by e-mail via ork-hb.foirequests@nhs.net.

Requests for appeal should be made in writing to: Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. Telephone: 01334 464610, Fax: 01334 464611, Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or on the online appeal portal www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer
NHS Orkney



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