

Freedom of Information request 85-17

Request

I would like to request the following information under the FoI legislation:

1. The number of foreign nationals who have had a) heart surgery b) transplant operation on the health board in 2017 until February 14 and the whole of 2016 and 2015 per nationality and hospital.
2. The cost of operation to the health board and whether it has been able to recoup the money back (from insurance or the country of origin) for the same time periods as specified above.

May I clarify that my request refers to individuals who normally reside outside the UK.

Response

NHS Borders does not provide heart or transplant surgery. No heart or transplant surgery was commissioned from other NHS Boards or External Providers by NHS Borders for individuals who normally reside outside the UK.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **85-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.