

Freedom of Information request 88-17

Request & Response

Please could you provide the following information under the freedom of information;

1. In the past 12 months how many patients have been diagnosed with non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9) ?
20
2. Of these how many have been treated with an antibiotic ?
10
3. Do you routinely screen for non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)?
No
4. Do you run a NTM (Non-tuberculosis mycobacterium) clinic or service?
No
5. Please state any other trusts that share this service ?
Not applicable.
6. If you do not have a NTM clinic, where do you refer suspected NTM patients?
Patients are seen within NHS Borders Respiratory Clinic.
7. How many suspected NTM patients did the trust refer to other institutions in the last 12 months?
None.
8. Which testing laboratory do you send your sputum samples for suspected NTM?
NHS Lothian.
9. Do have a shared care protocol for treating NTM?
No
10. Do you run a specific clinic for bronchiectasis patients?
No
11. How many patients with bronchiectasis (J47/Q33.4) have you treated in the last 12 months?
>50

12. How many of these patients have also been diagnosed with non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)
- 5
13. How many of these NTM diagnosed patients are treated long term [more than 12 months] with an antibiotic?
- All
14. How many of these NTM diagnosed patients are treated long term [more than 12 months] with inhaled or IV amikacin?
- None
15. Do you run a specific clinic for chronic COPD patients?
- No
16. How many patients with chronic COPD (J44.0, J44.1, J44.8, J44.9) have you treated in the last 12 months?
- >200 patients
17. How many of these patients have also been diagnosed with non-tuberculosis mycobacterium (NTM) (A31.0/A31.9)
- None
18. How many of these NTM diagnosed patients do you then treat with an antibiotic?
- Not applicable.
19. How many of these NTM diagnosed patients do you then treat with inhaled or IV amikacin?
- Not applicable.

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 **88-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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