

Freedom of Information request 98-17

Request

How many patients were refused medical treatment or had treatment postponed during pre-operative assessment because they were over a specified weight criteria or were not fit to proceed between January 1, 2014 and December 31st 2016?

Could the response please be broken down into years, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 for comparison.

Response

NHS Borders do not record on a central database the number of patients who have not had treatments/procedures on the grounds of obesity or for weighing too much. To retrieve this information would require a manual trawl of patient notes and the cost would exceed the limit set out in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, and we are therefore not required to provide.

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 **98-17** 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.