

Freedom of Information request 408-17

Request

Could the health board provide:

- The average waiting time for a cataract operation in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- The longest waiting time for a cataract operation in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17;
- How many people were removed from waiting lists for a cataract operation (e.g. paid for the operation privately and no longer required an operation on the NHS)?

Response

Please find below data as per request. We have included the total number of patients removed from the waiting list that did not receive treatment but are unable to identify how many patients were removed from the waiting list to be treated privately.

	2014'15	2015'16	2016'17
Average Waiting Time (Weeks)	6	5	7
Maximum Waiting Times (Weeks)	19	12	12
Patients removed without treatment	45	58	53

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 **408-17** 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.