

Freedom of Information request 65-18

Request

I was looking for some information on your orthopaedic procedures carried out in 2017 please.

I am looking for the following information please from all relevant hospitals within the region;

1. Hip replacements carried out in 2017 and breakdown of cemented and uncemented numbers within these.
2. Knee replacements carried out in 2017 and breakdown of cemented and uncemented numbers within these.
3. Hemiarthroplasty procedures carried out in 2017 and breakdown of cemented and uncemented numbers within these.
4. Surgical Site Infection (SSI) rate recorded for all hemiarthroplasty procedures in 2017.
5. Revision procedures carried out in 2017 broken down to hip & knee, and cemented & uncemented procedures.

Response

1. Please find below data on the number of hip replacements in 2017 as per request:
 - Cemented – 165
 - Uncemented - 0
2. Please find below data on the number of knee replacements in 2017 as per request:
 - Cemented – 166
 - Uncemented - 0
3. Please find below data on the number of hemiarthroplasty procedures in 2017 as per request:
 - Cemented – 63
 - Uncemented – 13
4. NHS Borders participates in the mandatory national SSI surveillance programme coordinated by Health Protection Scotland (HPS) using national definitions and methodology. In 2017 (January to December) this process identified:-

1 SSI out of 82 hemiarthroplasty operations
5. Please find below data on the number of revision procedures in 2017 as per request:
 - Hip Revision Cemented – 5
 - Hip Revision Uncemented – <5
 - Knee Revision Cemented - <5
 - Knee Revision Uncemented – 0

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is

withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **65-18** 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.