

Freedom of Information request 95-18

Request

I'd like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information legislation.

1. The number of patients given an accidental radiation overdose during treatment in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.
2. The ages of the youngest and the oldest patient given an accidental radiation overdose during treatment each year as specified above.
3. The number of patients under the age of 16 given an accidental radiation overdose during each of the three years as specified above, the number of patients over the age of 16 given an accidental radiation overdose during each of the years as specified above.
4. Action taken by the health board in cases where an overdose of radiation has been administered.

Response

NHS Borders do not carry out radiotherapy at the Borders General Hospital, all patients are referred to the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh for treatment, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is accessible elsewhere.

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 **95-18** 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.