

Freedom of Information request 124-18

Request

Could the health board provide a breakdown of all planned and unplanned ward closures in the last five years including:

- The date, time and length of each closure
- The ward in question
- The reason for each closure

I would like closures of all lengths to be included (e.g. overnight closures).

Response

Please find below details on all planned and unplanned ward closures in the last 5 years:

Infection Control Reasons

	Location	Date of Closure	Length of Closure	Reason for Closure
Apr 12 - Mar 13	Ward 12	10-Nov-12	13 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	DME 10	26-Nov-12	8 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 12	10-Dec-12	5 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 14	17-Dec-12	7 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 6	31-Dec-12	4 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 6	03-Jan-13	1 day	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 6	07-Mar-13	4 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	DME 10	20-Mar-13	6 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
Apr 13 - Mar 14	DME 10	12-Apr-13	2 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 12	15-Apr-13	3 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 6	10-May-13	2 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Hawick	22-May-13	2 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	DME 10	02-Oct-13	8 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	DME 10	10-Jan-14	9 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 4	22-Jan-14	8 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	MAU	06-Feb-14	2 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 12	11-Feb-14	2 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	DME 10	12-Feb-14	10 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 9	17-Feb-14	5 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Cauldshiels	10-Mar-14	10 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 9	17-Mar-14	5 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
Haylodge	18-Mar-14	9 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	

	DME 10	24-Mar-14	10 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
Apr 14 - Mar 15	Ward 12	21-Apr-14	6 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 7	22-Dec-14	1 day	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
Apr 15 - Mar 16	DME 10	20-Apr-15	9 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 4	09-Nov-15	5 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Kelso	23-Nov-15	7 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 12	15-Feb-16	1 day	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
Apr 16 - Mar 17	Ward 9	25-May-16	1 day	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Ward 12	06-Jun-16	6 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting
	Kelso	15-Feb-17	3 days	Influenza
	Cauldshiels	24-Feb-17	4 days	Diarrhoea & Vomiting

Please note most of these closures are due to the annual cycle of norovirus infections, which tend to occur on an annual cyclical basis each winter.

Refurbishment Work

June 2013	Ward 6	6 June 13	18 days	Refurbishment of ward
August 2017	Ward 6 Annexe (AAU)	12 Aug 17	16 days	Refurbishment of ward

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 **124-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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