

Freedom of Information request 179-18

Request

Please disclose how many transvaginal (a) obturator mesh tapes (b) retropubic mesh tapes and (c) pelvic organ prolapse mesh procedures have been carried out by NHS Borders and regional private practices in each month since June 2014 until present?

Response

- a) Between 17 June 2014 and 9 June 2016, 35 women were implanted with transvaginal obturator mesh medical devices as part of their treatment for Stress Urinary Incontinence in NHS Borders. These patients were all either involved in the SIMS Randomised Controlled Trial (which has Scottish Government approval) or were patients already on the waiting list and who opted to have the procedure in spite of the directives from the Scottish Government / CMO for Scotland.
- b) Since June 2014 there have been no transvaginal retropubic mesh procedures.
- c) Since June 2014 there have been no pelvic organ prolapsed mesh procedures.

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 **179-18** 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.