

Freedom of Information request 187-18

Request

Could the health board provide:

- The number of patients whose discharge has been delayed while waiting for a care package in another health board area in each month of the past two years;
- The length of delay of each patient;
- The health board area they were awaiting a care package in?

Response

The table below details delayed discharges while waiting for care packages in another Health Board in each month between May 2016 and April 2018:

Month	Patients
May 2016	0
June 2016	0
July 2016	0
August 2016	<5
September 2016	0
October 2016	<5
November 2016	<5
December 2016	0
January 2017	<5
February 2017	<5
March 2017	<5
April 2017	0
May 2017	0
June 2017	0
July 2017	0
August 2017	0
September 2017	<5
October 2017	0
November 2017	0
December 2017	0
January 2018	0
February 2018	<5
March 2018	<5
April 2018	0

Please note that as the numbers of delayed discharges in some months are very small, and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics for 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 **187-18** 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.