

Freedom of Information request 234-18

Request & Response

I would like to make an FOI about the number of bodies in Scottish Mortuaries.

How many unidentified bodies are their in the morgues in Scotland for the whole of 2015, 16 17 and the remainder of 2018?

This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.

How many unidentified bodies are their in the NHS Border's Morgue in Scotland from 2015, 16, 17 and part of 2018

There have been <5 unidentified bodies within NHS Borders morgue in the period in question.

How many bodies have been in the morgues for over a month?

There have been <5 unidentified bodies within NHS Borders morgue for over a month.

What is the longest time a body has been left in a morgue before it was removed?

44 days

How many of the unidentified bodies are male in Scottish Morgues?

This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.

How many of the unidentified bodies are male in the NHS Border's morgues?

None.

How many of the unidentified bodies are female in Scottish Morgues?

This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.

How many of the unidentified bodies are female in the NHS Border's morgues?

There were <5 unidentified female bodies in NHS Borders morgues in the period in question.

How many of the unidentified bodies are adults in Scottish Morgues?

This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.

How many of the unidentified bodies are adults in the NHS Border's morgues?

There were <5 unidentified adult bodies in NHS Borders morgues in the period in question.

How many of the unidentified bodies are children in Scottish Morgues?

This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.

How many of the unidentified bodies are children in the NHS Border's morgues?

None.

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 **234-18** 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.