

Freedom of Information request 277-18

Request

1. The number of people from Northern Ireland who have accessed sexual health services at hospitals in your health board since the service was introduced.
2. The number of people from Northern Ireland who have accessed terminations of pregnancy at hospitals in your health board since the service was introduced.

Response

1. There have been 9 patients, recorded with a Northern Ireland postcode, who have accessed sexual health services within the NHS Borders area since 2010. This data was recorded on the National Sexual Health Database (NaSH) which was installed in 2010, we are unable to provide any data prior to this date.
2. NHS Borders has no record of a patient with a North Ireland postcode as having received a termination of pregnancy in our area.

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 **277-18** 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.