

Freedom of Information request 295-18

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to ask for the following information:

1. For each financial year, from 1990 to 2017/18, please tell me how many significant/serious adverse events have taken place, by hospital, in your neurosurgery departments. For your benefit a serious adverse event should be defined as "an unexpected or avoidable event that could have resulted, or did result in, unnecessary serious harm or death of a patient, staff, visitor or member of the public" (<http://www.nhsaaa.net/media/118086/sp110612saer.pdf>);
2. For each event above, by financial year, how many of these adverse events resulted in the death or permanent damage of a patient or follow-up surgery?
3. For each event above, by financial year, how many of these resulted in a "significant adverse event review"?

Response

NHS Borders does not have a neurosurgery department, all neurosurgery services are provided by the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. Therefore no significant/adverse events have taken place within our area relating to neurosurgery.

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 **295-18** 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.