

Freedom of Information request 345-18

Request

To provide under Freedom of Information Legislation, how many Health board patients have received treatment in private hospitals in each of the last 18 months, broken down by month, and the cost to the Health Board of providing this treatment.

Response

Please find information below which provides details of how many patients have received treatment in private hospitals in the last 18 months. Unfortunately this information is not available broken down by month but under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided this by quarter (Q1 April to June, Q2 July to September, Q3 October to December and Q4 January to March):

Year	Quarter	No of Patients	Cost
2016/17	Q4	4	£141,709
2017/18	Q1	3	£132,384
	Q2	3	£133,484
	Q3	2	£132,484
	Q4	52	£406,577
2018/19	Q1	6	£184,643

Note: This data includes a number of long term hospital placements who have been included in the patient count for each quarter they were in residence.

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 **345-18** 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.