

Freedom of Information request 358-18

Request

- 1) Please provide information on (a) the longest, (b) the shortest and (c) the average length of time in days patients have had to wait for an appointment to be prescribed PrEP medication in each month since January, 2017 to present.
- 2) Please provide information on (a) how many people are currently waiting on an appointment for PrEP prescription and (b) how many people within your health board are able to prescribe PrEP.

Response

- 1) NHS Borders have never had waiting times for PrEP since introduction. PrEP assessments can be done in walk-in clinics, or booked into clinics at the patient's earliest convenience. If appropriate, PrEP will be provided on the day of assessment, in some cases blood results will be awaited before safe provision of PrEP can occur – this can take up to a week – but is not a waiting time as such.
- 2)
 - a) There is currently no-one waiting for a PrEP appointment with the NHS Borders area.
 - b) There are 5 people in our health board who can prescribe PrEP.

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 **358-18** 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.