

## Freedom of Information request 397-18

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### Request

I would like to know

- 1) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2011-12?
- 2) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2012-13?
- 3) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2013-14?
- 4) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2014-15?
- 5) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2015-16?
- 6) How many Exercise Treadmill ECG tests were performed in the trust in the financial year 2016-17?

### Response

Please find below the number of Exercise Treadmill ECG tests performed in the years requested:

- 2011/12 – 384
- 2012/13 – 637
- 2013/14 – 508
- 2014/15 – 554
- 2015/16 – 458
- 2016/17 – 461

Note: The increase in number of Exercise tests in 2012-13 reflects a rise in activity associated with the start of the Rapid Access Chest Pain Clinic and the steady drop over the years probably reflects the increased access to CT Coronary Angiography for patients with chest pain which has on occasion negated the requirement for patients to also have an Exercise Test. Exercise testing is still a valuable tool in the assessment and risk management associated with Ischaemic Heart Disease.

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](mailto: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 **397-18** 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.