

## Freedom of Information request 478-18

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Scotland Act can you please provide the following information about the Pulmonary Rehabilitation programmes which were provided by NHS Borders during the year 2017/2018.

1. What is the average waiting time from the point of referral to being offered an assessment?
2. What is the average time from assessment to commencing a Pulmonary Rehab programme?
3. Where are referrals for Pulmonary Rehab programmes received from, and how many from each source? (For example GP, physiotherapist, self-referral, consultant)
4. Do your Pulmonary Rehab programmes include input from a specialist psychologist?

### Response

1. NHS Borders currently has no Pulmonary Rehabilitation programme in place but plans are in place to recruit, therefore there is no waiting time at present.
2. Not applicable.
3. It is planned that referrals will be received through Respiratory Services - nursing and medical, GPs, Practice Nurses, Physios.
4. Planned but not yet confirmed.

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 **478-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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