

Freedom of Information request 485-18

Request

1. What is your current guidance for prescribing patients with T3 (Liothyronine)
2. How many patients have been prescribed T3 (Liothyronine) broken down each year since 2010
3. Can GP's in your health board area refuse to prescribe patients with T3 (Liothyronine)
4. If patients have been recommended to be treated with T3 (Liothyronine) by a private Endocrinologist will it be prescribed by a GP
5. If patients have been denied T3 (Liothyronine) prescriptions what appeal process can be followed.

Response

1. There is no specific current guidance for prescribing patients with T3 (Liothyronine). This drug is available by Specialist Initiation Only and would expect any application for its use to come through the non formulary application process.
2. Please find below the number of patients prescribed T3 (Liothyronine) each year since 2010:

2010 - 19
2011 - 22
2012 - 26
2013 - 24
2014 - 27
2015 - 28
2016 - 28
2017 - 28
2018 - 20
3. The decision to prescribe, or not, is down to the individual prescriber.
4. Please find attached guidance on private prescriptions available to patients within NHS Borders:



Private treatment
staff leaflet Feb 2015

5. NHS Borders does not have an appeal process for non-formulary requests which are not approved; any appeals would be addressed on a case by case basis

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 **485-18** 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.