

## Freedom of Information request 538-18

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### Request

We refer to the above and request the following information as at the Relevant Date:-

1. Details of, and documents relating to, the protocols and procedures for assessing Dupuytren's disease.
2. Details of, and documents relating to, the protocols and procedures for treating Dupuytren's disease.
3. Details of, and documents relating to the criteria for determining whether to treat Dupuytren's disease with needle fastiotomy or open fastiotomy.
4. Details of, and documents relating to the known risks and complications in relation to needle fastiotomy for treatment of Dupuytren's disease.
5. Details of, and documents relating to the known risks and complications in relation to open fastiotomy for treatment of Dupuytren's disease
6. Details of, and documents relating to, protocols and procedures in place to limit the risk of iatrogenic injury to tendons during needle fastiotomy for Dupuytren's disease.

### Response

NHS Borders follows NICE guidelines and Clinical Knowledge Summary as referred to in the links provided below. Therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is available elsewhere.

NICE Guidelines: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ipg43/chapter/1-Guidance>

Clinical Knowledge Summary: <https://cks.nice.org.uk/dupuytren-s-disease#!scenario>

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 **538-18** 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.