

Freedom of Information request 553-18

Request

1. The number of people currently waiting for an podiatry appointment and the average length of time they have been waiting.
2. For 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018:
 - a. The number of people seen by NHS podiatrists in the health board.
 - b. The average length of time people had to wait for a NHS podiatry appointment.
 - c. The number (WTE) of podiatrists employed by the health board at the end of both March and October.
 - d. The number (WTE) of vacancies for podiatrists at the end of March and October
 - e. The number (WTE) of vacancies for podiatrists which were unfilled for six months or more.

Response

1. The number of new people on the waiting list for a podiatry appointment as of 1 November 2018 was 9. The average length of time the 9 new people on the waiting list have been waiting is 8.5 days.
2. a) Please find below the number of people (both new and review) seen by NHS Borders podiatrists:

Year	No. of people seen
2013	16438
2014	15476
2015	16526
2016	16435
2017	20366
2018	17560 until end October 2018

b) The average length of time people had to wait for a NHS podiatry appointment is determined by clinical need on an individual basis for both new and reviews.

c) – e) This information is available from the workforce publications reports on the ISD website: <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/2018-06-05/AHP.asp> therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is available elsewhere.

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 **553-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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