

Freedom of Information request 558-18

Request

How many individual people have been diagnosed with vitamin B12 deficiency or insufficiency in the last 10 years?

Broken down by year and by a) deficiency b) insufficiency if possible.

In addition to this could I request your reference range – the levels at which you decide insufficiency and deficiency have occurred?

Response

This information is not held electronically. This information may be found in a patient's notes but the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

There is no distinction between 'insufficiency' and 'deficiency'. The reference range for vitamin B12 deficiency is 187-883 ng/L.

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 **558-18** 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.