

Freedom of Information request 69-19

Request

1. Please could you tell me the number and type of procedures carried out by private/independent healthcare firms on NHS patients on behalf of your NHS board?
2. Please could you tell me the total number of NHS patients who receive such a procedure?
3. Please could you provide figures for each of the last 10 years?

Response

Please find below a list of procedures with total numbers. A total of 612 patients have been sent away for a total of 32 procedures carried out over 8 specialties. NHS Borders only hold electronic data for the last 7 years therefore we are unable to provide data for the last 10 years as this data is no longer held, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Dentistry		<5							<5
Tooth Extraction		<5							<5
ENT	<5	8	18	<5					32
Adenoidectomy & Grommets		<5	<5						<5
Cauterisation				<5					<5
Endoscopic Sinus Surgery		<5	<5						5
Microlaryngoscopy			<5						<5
Other	<5		<5						6
Septorhinoplasty		<5							<5
Septoplasty		<5	<5	<5					7
Tonsillectomy	<5	<5	6						8
General Surgery	<5	20	29	20	<5		<5		73
Fibroadenoma Excision				<5					<5
Haemorrhoidectomy				<5					<5
Hernia		10	14	<5					26
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	<5	5	12	9	<5				28
Other		<5	<5	<5					8
Varicose Veins		<5	<5	<5					7
Vasectomy							<5		<5
Gynaecology			<5			<5			<5
Anterior Repair			<5						<5
Other						<5			<5
Ophthalmology		8	<5						11

Cataract	6	<5						8
Ectropion Repair	<5							<5
Other		<5						<5
Tarsorrhaphy	<5							<5
Oral Surgery/Medicine	<5	7	15	<5				24
Surgical Extractions	<5	7	15	<5				24
Orthopaedic Surgery	6	109	176	110	8	57	<5	467
ACL Reconstruction				<5				<5
Arthroscopic Subacromial Decompression	<5	11	16			6		36
Arthroscopy	31	35	25	<5				92
Carpal Tunnel Release				<5				<5
Hip Replacement	<5	14	44	10	<5	21	<5	94
Knee Replacement		14	38	13	<5	23		91
Osteotomy						<5		<5
Other	5	45	45	31	<5	6		133
Palmar Fasciectomy				<5				<5
Rotor Cuff Repair	<5	<5	<5					6
SCARF				5				5
Tarsal Tunnel Release				<5				<5
Urology			<5					<5
Optical Urethrotomy			<5					<5
Grand Total	10	147	236	148	10	<5	59	<5
								612

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **69-19** 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.