

## Freedom of Information request 99-19

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### Request

I'd like to request the following under freedom of information:

1. How many people are currently on the waiting list for a hip replacement?
2. Of these, how many have been waiting longer than 18 weeks?
3. How many have been waiting longer than one year (52 weeks)?
4. In the current financial year, 2018/19, has the health board paid to send any patients for hip replacement surgery in the private sector? If so,
  - i. how many patients,
  - ii. what was the cost to the health board?

### Response

1. As of 21 February 2019 there are 60 people on the waiting list for a hip replacement.
2. Of those waiting no patient has been waiting longer than 18 weeks.
3. Of those waiting no patient has been waiting longer than 52 weeks.
4. In the current financial year 2018/2019, 24 people have been sent for hip replacement surgery to private sector at a cost of £180,000.

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 **99-19** 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.