

## Freedom of Information request 145-19

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### Request

1. Does your Health Board have regulations in place regarding breaks from treatment for the EGFRi drug cetuximab, for its use in the first-line treatment of patients who have RAS wild type metastatic colorectal cancer?
  - No, there is no treatment break rule
  - Yes, patients are not able to take a planned treatment break of more than 4 weeks
  - Yes, patients are not able to take a planned treatment break of more than 6 weeks
  - Other (Please specify below)

If you answered yes to the above, please answer the following questions:

2. What is your Health Board's reason for this rule?
3. Are there any exceptions to this rule, such as planned breaks for surgery?
4. Are patients made aware of this rule when deciding to take a break from treatment?

### Response

NHS Borders do not have a no treatment break rule.

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 **145-19** 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.