

## Freedom of Information request 201-19

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### Request

I have an FOI request related to loss of records and samples in your health board area.

1. Can you tell me how many patients' records were lost or misplaced since 2012, broken down by individual year and hospital/facility
2. Can you tell me how many patients' blood samples were lost or misplaced since 2012, broken down by individual year and hospital/facility
3. Can you tell me how many patients' urine samples were lost or misplaced since 2012, broken down by individual year and hospital/facility

### Response

1. Please find below the number of patients' records recorded as lost or misplaced within NHS Borders since 2012:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Borders General Hospital	3	6	2	7	4	4	7	2
Mental Health	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0
Community Hospital	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
School Nurses	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Health Centre	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0

2. Please find below the number of patients' blood samples that were recorded as lost or misplaced within NHS Borders since 2012:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Borders General Hospital	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

3. Within NHS Borders there are no recorded incidents of patients' urine samples being lost or misplaced since 2012.

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 **201-19** 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.