

Freedom of Information request 212-19

Request

Request Under the freedom of information Act 2000

1. Are any of your surgeons within your health board qualified in Rectopexy Mesh Complications and/or removals?
2. If any surgeons within your health board are qualified in Rectopexy Complications/removals, what training were they given?
3. If any surgeons are qualified within your health board in Rectopexy Complications/removals, how many cases have they been involved in?
4. Please name any/all surgeons within your health board, who are qualified, trained, and experienced in rectopexy mesh complications/removals?

I am being asked to make an informed decision as to which surgeon would be best suited for my own health board to refer me on to as per Rectopexy Complications, however, I feel this can only be done if I am informed of what my choices are, Please reply if possible via return email thank you

Response

1. Within NHS Borders we have one surgeon who carries out surgery for rectal prolapse, Mr Karol Pal. To date he has not had to operate on any cases with the need for mesh removal.
2. There is no formal training in respect to Rectopexy complications/removals.
3. As above, no cases have been recorded in NHS Borders.
4. As above.

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 **212-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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