

Freedom of Information request 221-19

Request

I am making a freedom of information request for the following information:

1. How many vaginal deliveries were recorded in hospitals in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?
2. How many of these vaginal deliveries required additional medical assistance including an episiotomy or the use of a vacuum or forceps in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?
3. How many births which began as vaginal births resulted in emergency Caesarian sections in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?
4. How many women required surgery after a vaginal birth in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?
5. How many women required further surgery more than six months after a vaginal birth in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?
6. How many women opted for an elective second on their second child?

Response

1. There were 716 vaginal deliveries in the period in question.
2. Of the 716 quoted above 151 were forceps or ventouse delivery and 216 received an episiotomy.
3. There were 80 births which began as vaginal but resulted in emergency Caesarian sections in the period in question.
4. This information is not held electronically but may be available in a patient's handheld record but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations, therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.
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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 **221-19** 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.