

Freedom of Information request 232-19

Request

Please send me the following information:

- Information on cases where suspected or confirmed cross-contamination has occurred with regards to patients with Cystic Fibrosis in the last five years specifically the number of patients reported to have been victim of a cross-infection
- The bacteria/bug passed between the patients that was detected
- The cause of the cross-contamination if known

I would like the above information to be provided to me in electronic format. I would also like the information to be broken down monthly in reports of cross-contamination and also whether the patient was male, female or a child.

Response

There have been no instances of cross-contamination with regard to Cystic Fibrosis patients in the last five years within NHS Borders.

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 **232-19** 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.