

Freedom of Information request 267-19

Request

Please can I request the following information:

1. How many hernia mesh implant devices have been purchased in each of the following financial years: 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18?
2. Please provide the total annual cost of hernia mesh implant devices purchased for those same years requested in question one.
3. Please provide the different types of meshes purchased and the name of the manufacturer for those same years requested in question one.
4. Please provide how many patients received which type of mesh in each year requested in question one.
5. How many hernia operation were carried out in those same years requested in question one?
6. How many follow up appointments with the implanting surgeon are standard practice for patients who have had a hernia operation, either as a day case or inpatient?

Response

1-3 Please find below data for questions 1-3 as per request:

Product Description	Supplier Name	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
MESH SURGICAL 15CM X 15CM	MEDTRONIC LTD	18	54	30	15	21	6
MESH FLAT PRE SHAPED STANDARD 4.5 X 10CM	B BRAUN MEDICAL LTD	45	90	80	115	140	95
Total Spend		£1,221	£3,042	£2,104	£2,052	£2,475	£1,381

4. This data is not held electronically within our patient management systems but may be held in a patient's notes. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of paper notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.
5. Please find below the number of hernia operations carried out by NHS Borders in the years requested:

Financial Year	Number of Hernia Operations
2012'13	314
2013'14	354
2014'15	288
2015'16	311
2016'17	333
2017'18	251

6. Only complex hernia repairs receive a routine follow up appointment. All patients raising post operative issues through either the hospital or GP surgery also receive a follow up appointment.

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 **267-19** 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.