

Freedom of Information request 291-19

Request

I would like to request the following information, please.

In each of the past three years, how many patients aged 75 and over have had operations cancelled after having waited (i) three months, (ii) six months and (iii) twelve months.

In each of the past three years, how many patients aged 75 and over have had their operation postponed (i) once (ii) twice, (iii) three times and (iv) more than three times?

Clarification Received:
Cancellations and postponements due to the hospital for both cases. Thank you.

Response

- Please find below the number of patients aged 75 and over who have had operations cancelled after having waited (i) three months, (ii) six months, and (iii) twelve months:

| | 3-6 Months | 6-12 Months | Over 12 Months | Grand Total |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2016 | 22 | 4 | | 26 |
| Cancelled by Hospital | 2 | | | 2 |
| Consultant unavailable | 4 | | | 4 |
| Equipment not Available | 1 | | | 1 |
| No Beds Available | 9 | 3 | | 12 |
| Other Urgent Case | 4 | 1 | | 5 |
| Treatment Deferred | 2 | | | 2 |
| 2017 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| Cancelled by Hospital | 1 | | | 1 |
| No Beds Available | 4 | 1 | | 5 |
| Other Urgent Case | 4 | | 1 | 5 |
| Theatre unavailable | 2 | | | 2 |
| 2018 | 22 | 3 | | 25 |
| Consultant unavailable | 6 | | | 6 |
| Equipment not Available | 1 | | | 1 |
| Illness of key staff | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| No Beds Available | 2 | | | 2 |
| Other Urgent Case | 11 | 1 | | 12 |
| Shortage of theatre staff | | 1 | | 1 |
| Treatment Deferred | 1 | | | 1 |
| Grand Total | 55 | 8 | 1 | 64 |

2. Please find below the number of patients aged 75 and over who have had operations postponed (i) once, (ii) twice, (iii) three times, and (iv) more than three times

| Calendar Year | First Booked Operation Postponed | Second Booked Operation Postponed | Third Booked Operation Postponed | Four or More Booked Operations Postponed |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 2016 | 95 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| 2017 | 98 | 11 | 3 | 0 |
| 2018 | 109 | 14 | 4 | 0 |

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 **291-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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