

## Freedom of Information request 305-19

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### Request

For each of the last five complete financial years and the current years so far, please tell me

1. The number of people over the age of 65 in your board area who have undergone hip replacements. Please give ages for each of the patients.
2. The number of people over the age of 65 who live outwith your board area who have undergone hip replacements. Please give ages for each of the patients.
3. The number of people under the age of 65 who live in your board area who have undergone hip replacements. Please give ages for each of the patients.
4. The number of people under the age of 65 who live outwith your board area who have undergone hip replacements. Please give ages for each of the patients.
5. The average a patient has waited for a hip replacement procedure
6. The longest time a patient has waited for a hip replacement procedure
7. Number of patients who have had the procedure at a hospital operated by another health board
8. The total costs (inclusive of travel, lodgings etc) for each of the five years for your board for patients undergoing hip replacement procedures at other medical facilities operated by other health boards
9. The cost of materials for each hip replacement
10. The number of agency surgeons booked in to carry out hip replacement surgery in your board area and the costs of the surgeons

### Response

1-4 Please find below a spreadsheet which provides data requested:



2019-07-08 Hip  
Procedure Summary 2

5. The table below outlines the average wait for a hip replacement procedure in each of the last five years:

Year	Average Wait in Days
2014/15	75
2015/16	68
2016/17	78
2017/18	104
2018/19	80

6. The table below outlines the longest wait for a hip replacement procedure in each of the last five years:

Year	Longest Wait in Days
2014/15	167
2015/16	141
2016/17	172
2017/18	303
2018/19	294

7. The table below outlines the number of hip replacement procedures carried out by another Health Board in each of the last five years:

Year	Number of Operations
2014/15	25
2015/16	<5
2016/17	0
2017/18	16
2018/19	33

8. NHS Borders utilises the National Finance System which does not individually analyse at treatment level the costs incurred with external providers of healthcare. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all invoices 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 we are not required to provide.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance we can confirm over the time period requested by this FOI, treatment costs for hip replacements were in the region of £6,500 per procedure this is inclusive of all inpatient services.

9. Materials for each hip replacement cost between £822.74 and £958.89, depending upon whether reaming is required as part of the procedure.

10. The table below details the number and cost of agency surgeons who carried out hip replacement procedures within NHS Borders in each of the last five years:

Year	Number of Agency Surgeons	Cost of Agency Surgeons
2014/15	<5	£259.167*
2015/16	0	£0
2016/17	0	£0
2017/18	0	£0
2018/19	0	£0

\* The cost detailed in 2014/15 is the total cost of all agency staff within the Orthopaedics speciality, the information on the allocation of time against individual procedures is not held by the Board, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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](mailto: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 **305-19** 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.