

Freedom of Information request 335-19

Request

1. How many patient scans have been sent elsewhere in the UK or Scotland to be read in the last five years.

Please break this information down by year. Please also include details -such as where (what part of country and hospital/research facility) the scans were sent.

2. How many patient scans have been sent overseas to be read in the last five years.

Please break this information down by year. Please also include details -such as where (what country and hospital/research facility) the scans were sent.

Response

NHS Borders outsource the reporting of some diagnostic images to Telemedicine Clinic (TMC), we do not hold data on which country these reports are actually read, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held. Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please find below the number of reports that have been outsourced:

Teleradiology Provider	2015	2016	2017	2018	1 January to 31 March 2019
Telemedicine Clinic (TMC)	0	0	0	0	2012

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 **335-19** 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.