

## Freedom of Information request 368-19

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### Request

Dr V Granitsiosis

I want to know all you can tell me about this doctor and the results of any operations she has carried out in your, or any other, hospital.

Specifically how many operations she has carried out to remove mesh implanted in women suffering from incontinence or prolapse, and how successful or otherwise these operations have been regarding the pain and incontinence the women continued to experience?

When did she begin to perform these operations and has she continued to use mesh implants at this time?

### Response

NHS Borders can confirm that Dr Gransitiosis has not performed any operation at the Borders General Hospital for mesh implant insertion.

Please find below the number of operations performed by Dr Granitiosis in the NHS Borders area:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Number of Operations Performed</b>	<b>Removal of mesh implants for incontinence purposes</b>
2016	50	0
2017	80	5
2018	56	2
2019 ( Jan to June)	15	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>8</b>

We are unable to provide data on how successful or otherwise these operations have been regarding the pain and incontinence the women continued to experience as this would only be held in a patient's notes and this is protected under the Data Protection Act 1998 and is considered personal information under Section 38 1(b) of the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) Act 2002. The identification of individuals is prohibited in that it would breach the individuals privacy, and that includes information which would make identification possible. Being a small Health Board and with a small number of individuals identified above, the identification of individuals would be possible if we were to supply the information requested.

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 **368-19** 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.