

Freedom of Information request 475-19

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on treatment time targets:

1. Of those patients for whom the 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee was missed but who were treated in (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2018-19, how many waited (a) 6-12 months, (b) 12-18 months, (c) 18-24 months, and (d) over 24 months.
2. Of those patients for whom the 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee was missed but who were treated in (a) 2017-18 and (b) 2018-19, what was the longest (number of days) any patient waited in total.
3. Of those patients currently waiting for treatment, to whom the 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee applies but has not been met, how many have waited (a) 6-12 months, (b) 12-18 months, (c) 18-24 months, and (d) over 24 months.
4. Of those patients currently waiting for treatment, to whom the 12-week Treatment Time Guarantee applies but has not been met, what is the longest (number of days) any patient has been waiting.

Response

Please note: The waiting time experienced over a patient's Treatment Time Guarantee date is not an accurate reflection of wait time experienced as waiting time adjustments do not apply after this date has been passed.

1. Patients treated over 12 Week Treatment Time Guarantee date:

| | 6-12 Months | 12-18 Months | 18-24 Months | Over 24 Months |
|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2017'18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018'19 | 176 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

2. Maximum time experienced for patients passed their Treatment Time Guarantee date:

| | Maximum Wait (Days) |
|---------|---------------------|
| 2017'18 | 246 |
| 2018'19 | 378 |

3. Patients currently over their 12 Week Treatment Time Guarantee date:

| | 6-12 Months | 12-18 Months | 18-24 Months | Over 24 Months |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Current Breaches | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

4. Current maximum experienced waiting time for patients waiting over their 12 Week Treatment Time Guarantee date:

| | Maximum Wait (Days) |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Current Wait | 280 |

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 **475-19** 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.