

Freedom of Information request 529-19

Request

I would be grateful if you can please provide the below information regarding the Breast Screening programme and symptomatic breast clinics for NHS Borders

Breast Screening – (Asymptomatic)

1. Please could you provide a list of all breast screening units within the health board/trust. Please also identify which hospital they are managed by and the name of each service/unit.
2. Does the board/trust run breast screening in static units or on breast screening vans (Or Both)? How many vans does the service run? How many static sites does the service run?
3. How many ladies are scanned/screened per day on each van/static unit?
4. Does the service scan on a 5 day or 7 day week?
5. Who has the overall responsibility for the breast screening service?
6. Please provide an organisational chart for the team/department with overall responsibility for the breast screening service

Symptomatic Mammography & Breast Clinics

7. Also, does the board/trust run any symptomatic breast clinics?
8. Are these run separate to the above breast screening units?
9. Which hospital sites run these clinics?
10. If so, which department has the responsibility for symptomatic mammograms / Symptomatic Breast Lists/Clinics?
11. How many ladies are assessed on average per day in the symptomatic breast clinic?
12. Does the service run symptomatic clinics on a 5 day or 7 day week?
13. Who has the overall responsibility for the symptomatic breast clinics?
14. Please provide an organisational chart for the team/department with overall responsibility for the symptomatic breast clinics across the health board/trust.

Response

- 1-6 Breast Screening throughout Scotland is a commissioned National Services Scotland (NSS)/Information Services Division (ISD) service. For women who are eligible to participate in the programme and are resident in Borders, this service is delivered by the commissioned SE Scotland Breast Screening Programme which is hosted in Lothian and such requests for the breast screening information should be made to NHS Lothian and/or NSS/ISD. In addition, much data related to screening (asymptomatic) services is within the public domain at the following ISD publications link <https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Cancer/Breast-Screening/>. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.
7. Patients referred with symptoms are seen in the New Patient Breast Clinic.
8. Yes
9. Borders General Hospital, Melrose.
10. Surgical Services.
11. Approximately 20 patients per day.
12. One day per 5 day week.
13. The Surgical Service Manager has managerial responsibility and the Lead Surgeon has clinical responsibility.
14. Please find attached organisational chart as requested:



Symptomatic Breast
Clinic Organisational C

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 **529-19** 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.