

Freedom of Information request 571-19

Request

1. Does your trust / hospital(s) offer Tonsillectomy Surgery which is undertaken in the Trust?

If the answer no, the FOI request ends here. Please just notify me that your trust / hospital(s) does not undertake this surgery.

If yes, please answer the following questions:

2. a) Do surgeons in your trust / hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on children (under 16 years of age)?

b) If the answer to 2a is 'yes', do they provide patients / parents of patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation?

c) If the answer to 2b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients/parents.
3. a) Do surgeons in your trust / hospital(s) perform tonsillectomy surgery on young adults and adults (16 years and over)?

b) If the answer to 3a is 'yes', do they provide patients in this age group with an information sheet relating to their operation?

c) If the answer to 3b is 'yes' please, as well as completing these question, also send me a copy of the information sheet that is provided, even if it is only sometimes given to patients (unless the same sheet given to both children/parents and to adult patients in which case please make that clear in your answer and just provide that sheet)
4. What advice is usually given to a) Children and b) Young Adults / Adult regarding diet immediately after tonsillectomy (ie for approximately the first week or so post surgery)

Response

1. Yes, NHS Borders undertakes tonsillectomy surgery at Borders General Hospital.
2.
 - a) Yes, surgeons perform tonsillectomy surgery on children under the age of 16.
 - b) Yes, an information sheet relating to the operation is provided to patients or parents of patients in this age group.
 - c) Please find attached below leaflet for children's tonsil surgery:



Childrens Tonsil
Surgery Leaflet.pdf

3.

- a) Yes, surgeons perform tonsillectomy surgery on young adults and adults over the age of 16.
- b) Yes, an information sheet relating to the operation is provided to patients in this age group.
- c) Please find attached below leaflet for adult tonsil surgery:



Adult Tonsil Surgery
Leaflet.pdf

Additionally the leaflets below would be given to patients (or the parents of the patient for children) prior to any surgical procedures in the Day Procedure Unit:



Coming to BGH.pdf



Having an Operation
in DPU.pdf



General
Anaesthesia.pdf

4.

- a) Please find attached below leaflets given regarding diet and care immediately after tonsillectomy for children:



Childs Operation in
DPU.pdf



After a
Tonsillectomy.pdf

- b) Please find attached below leaflet given regarding diet and care immediately after tonsillectomy for adults and young adults:



After Tonsillectomy
in Adults.pdf

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 **571-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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