

## Freedom of Information request 10-20

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### Request

1. Which district general hospitals have EEG provision?
2. Where are patients referred to if their district hospital has no EEG service?
3. Which local tertiary centre(s) have EEG provision?
4. Which district hospitals run an EEG service after 5pm and at weekends?
5. Which tertiary centre(s) run an EEG service after 5pm and at weekends?
6. How many consultant neurophysiologists are in post (number and WTE)?
7. How many neurophysiology technicians are in post (number and WTE)?
8. Are there currently any trainee posts within the board?
9. Are there any unfilled posts in your health board area for:
  - a. consultant neurophysiologists (number and WTE)?
  - b. Technician neurophysiologists (number and WTE)?
10. Which district hospitals have a facility to transfer EEG data/tracings electronically to another tertiary centre/ consultant neurophysiologist?
11. What is the current waiting time for a routine EEG?
12. What is the current waiting time for an urgent EEG?
13. What is the current waiting time for videotelemetry within the health board?
14. How many videotelemetry beds does the health board currently have?
15. If a patient presents with emergency seizures, which of these services is routinely provided for further diagnostics :
  - EEG - CT scan
  - EEG telemetry - MRI scan

### Response

1. No hospitals in NHS Borders have EEG provision.
2. Patients are referred to NHS Lothian.
3. Not applicable.
4. None.
5. Not applicable.
- 6-9. NHS Borders has no neurophysiology posts.
10. Not applicable.
11. Not applicable.
12. Not applicable.
13. Not applicable.
14. NHS Borders has no videotelemetry beds.
15. For first time seizures a CT scan would be provided. We would not routinely scan a known epileptic. We do not have EEG or EEG telemetry, and do not use an MRI scan in this instance.

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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 **10-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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