

## Freedom of Information request 19-20

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request the following:

1. Any and all documents relating to the health board's policy on single-sex/mixed-sex wards. This should include any information on whether there are mixed-sex wards and what these wards are (for example, oncology, stroke units, etc).
2. How many people were treated on mixed-sex wards in the last two years. Could you please break this down by hospital and year.

### Response

1. NHS Borders do not have a single sex ward policy however we state on our Pre-Admission patient information booklet that patients will be cared for in single sex bays (not wards). All inpatient wards in BGH are mixed sex with the exception of Maternity areas. However each inpatient ward has bays specifically for male or female patients and these bays do not have mixed sex patients. The Community Hospitals also have no mixed sex bays.
2. Information on the number of patient admissions is available on the [ISD website](#), therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **19-20** 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.