

## Freedom of Information request 44-20

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### Request

In accordance with FOI, please provide a breakdown of patients treated as part of transitioning, changing gender and/or changing sex characteristics?

I'd like the breakdown to cover the years 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 to date; to state how many men transitioned to women, and how many women to men; to state the age of the youngest patient (over the five year period); and, if possible, a list of the types of operation and kinds of medicine prescribed (this doesn't have to be for every case, just a list of all those used overall).

### Response

NHS Borders does not provide gender services locally. Patients are referred to Lothian Sexual and Reproductive Health Services or Sandyford in Glasgow for these services, therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is available 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 **44-20** 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.