

Freedom of Information request 55-20

Request

1. How many expectant mothers were told the sex of their child during their 20 week NHS scan in 2017?
2. How many expectant mothers were told the sex of their child during their 20 week NHS scan in 2018?
3. How many expectant mothers were told the sex of their child during their 20 week NHS scan in 2019?
4. Can I have a breakdown per hospital please?

Response

NHS Borders do not record if expectant mothers are told the sex of their baby. The 20 weeks NHS scan is primarily an anomaly scan and if parents wish to know the sex of the baby, and it is possible, we will verbally tell them. No written/electronic record is kept. Parents are also informed that it is not guaranteed that the findings are correct. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

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 **55-20** 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.