

## Freedom of Information request 68-20

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### Request

1. Can you confirm if the trust makes any provision whatsoever for Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty procedures to be carried out on patients, either in house by local staff or by contractual agreement elsewhere?
2. If so, how many such patients has the trust treated / referred for treatment in each of the last three years?

### Response

1. There is no specific contract in place for Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty. Patients would be assessed on individual clinical need and if this was felt the most appropriate treatment route for the patient and depending on the provider of care then NHS Borders Extra Contractual Referral Panel would review each case and on an individual basis.
2. NHS Borders referred <5 patients for Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty over the last 3 years. Under Section 38(1)(b) Personal Information of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are unable to provide data categorised as requested due to the potential risk of patient identification.

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 **68-20** 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.