

## Freedom of Information request 72-20

---

### Request

1. How many specialist chronic pain consultants are employed by NHS Borders?
2. How many specialist chronic pain nurses are employed by NHS Borders?
3. How many chronic pain management clinics are run within NHS Borders?
4. The waiting time to receive treatment at a chronic pain management clinic?
5. How many current vacancies are there for both chronic pain consultants and chronic pain nurses?
6. How long have these vacancies been unfilled?

### Response

1. NHS Borders do not have any specialist chronic pain consultants.
2. There is one specialist chronic pain nurse employed by NHS Borders.
3. NHS Borders run 197 chronic pain management clinics from January to December 2019.
4. The current waiting time to receive treatment at a chronic pain management clinic is 10 weeks.
5. There are no current vacancies.
6. Not applicable.

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 **72-20** 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.