

## Freedom of Information request 96-20

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### Request

1. How many people have been removed from waiting lists each year (calendar year) since 1999?
2. Of those removed how many were removed after informing the NHS that they are undergoing treatment in the private (independent) sector?

### Response

1. The table below details the number of patients removed from waiting lists each year since 2011:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
No. of Removals	4,148	4,793	4,607	4,929	4,671	4,515	4,974	4,890	4,930	920

Please note that the Patient Management System was changed in October 2010, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held and we are not required to provide.

2. We are unable to identify from electronic records whether a patient was referred for treatment in the private sector by NHS Borders or opted for private treatment themselves. This information may be held in a patient's notes however to extract this data would require a manual trawl of patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we are not required to provide this information.

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 **96-20** 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.