

Freedom of Information request 135-20

Request

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ('the Act') on the numbers of patients per year who have a fall associated with vision correction (glasses use e.g.).

The information is requested as numbers per year (from 2010 onwards) on an individual year by year basis under the following headings:

1. The number of A&E attendances per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your NHS board.
2. The number of hospital outpatient appointments per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your NHS board.
3. The number of GP appointments per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your NHS board.
4. The number of deaths per year for an accidental fall associated with glasses use in your NHS board.

Response

- 1-4. NHS Borders does not record whether a fall was associated with vision correction, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information 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 **135-20** 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.