

Freedom of Information request 157-20

Request

I have a Freedom of Information request that I wonder if you could help me with
Within your health trust how many patients are currently (within the past 3 months) being treated with the following regardless of patient diagnosis

Abemaciclib + aromatase inhibitor
Abemaciclib + Fulvestrant
Alpelisib + Fulvestrant
Atezolizumab
Avelumab
Bevacizumab
Eribulin
Everolimus + Exemestane
Fulvestrant as a single agent
Gemcitabine + paclitaxel
Herceptin IV
Herceptin SC
Lapatinib
Neratinib
Nivolumab
Olaparib
Palbociclib + aromatase inhibitor
Pembrolizumab
Pertuzumab + trastuzumab + docetaxel
Ribociclib + aromatase inhibitor
Ribociclib + Fulvestrant
Talazoparib
Transtuzumab biosimilar IV
Transtuzumab biosimilar SC
Trastuzumab emtansine

Response

Within NHS Borders 49 patients have been on these drugs in the 3 months from November 2019 to January 2020). Only medicines supplied have a patient count – any missing from original list have a nil return:

Drug	Patient count
ATEZOLIZUMAB	<5
BEVACIZUMAB	<5
EVEROLIMUS	<5
GEMCITABINE	7
KADCYLA	<5
NIVOLUMAB	<5
OLAPARIB	<5
PALBOCICLIB	15
PEMBROLIZUMAB	8
PERTUZUMAB	<5
TRASTUZUMAB	5
FULVESTRANT	<5

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **157-20** 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.