

Freedom of Information request 204-20

Request

Under FOI legislation can I please request the following:

1. For the month of April, how many patients in hospital were transferred to another hospital?
2. For the number above, how many of those patients were tested for Covid-19 before they were transferred?

Response

Please find below data as per request:

Transferred from	Transferred To	Number Transferred	Number Tested for Covid before Transfer
BGH	Non-Borders Hospitals	20	6
BGH	MH Wards	1	0
BGH	Community Hospital	44	19
Community Hospital	Community Hospital	3	0
Community Hospital	BGH	12	5
MH Ward	BGH	3	0
MH Ward	MH Ward	5	0
Grand Total		88	30

Please note that prior to 29 April 2020 Scottish Government had not mandated that every patient transferred should be tested before that transfer. Many of the transfers, particularly from BGH to non-Borders hospitals, were emergency transfers for treatment, e.g. cardiac cases.

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 **204-20** 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.