

## Freedom of Information request 217-20

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### Request

1. How many NHS operations and procedures have been undertaken in the private healthcare sector during the COVID-19 outbreak on behalf of your health board?
2. How many (a) NHS cancer operations and (b) other NHS procedures have taken place in private healthcare facilities during the COVID-19 outbreak on behalf of your health board?
3. How much private bed capacity has been paid for by your health board during the COVID-19 outbreak?
4. How much has the health board been charged by the private sector for all of the above please?
5. Have the private sector offered any discount during this pandemic to help the coronavirus effort?

### Response

1. A total of 9 patients were sent by NHS Borders and subsequently treated in the private healthcare sector during the COVID-19 outbreak.
2. All of the 9 patients treated were for cancer surgery.
3. None.
4. No charge has been received by the private sector.
5. 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 **217-20** 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.