

Freedom of Information request 219-20

Request

This is a request concerning the number of patients with Covid-19 who were discharged to care homes from your hospital wards.

1. Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes after a positive Covid-19 test from March 17th to April 15th 2020
2. Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes without being tested for Covid-19 from March 17th to April 15th 2020
3. Please could you state how many patients were discharged to care homes **with** a negative test for Covid-19 from March 17th to April 15th 2020
4. Please state whether you have reviewed any of these discharges between March 17th to April 15th to check if they led to any further transmission of Covid-19. If so, please state the number that were recorded as leading to further transmission.
5. Please provide a copy of any reports in which the trust's discharge of patients to care homes during the March 17th to April 15th 2020 is analysed in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic.

AMENDMENT:

Further to my request of June 11, please note there is a typo in the third question and it should read 'with a negative test' not without.

Response

1. No patients were discharged to care homes after a positive Covid-19 test from March 17th to April 15th 2020.
2. There were 17 patients discharged to care homes without being tested for Covid-19 from March 17th to April 15th 2020.
3. There were <5 patients discharged to care homes with a negative test for Covid-19 from March 17th to April 15th 2020.
4. All of the discharges to Care Homes for the period March 17th to April 15th 2020 have been reviewed. No patient tested positive within 21 days after discharge (i.e. during the period where they would have been considered as being infectious). 2 tested positive >21 days post-discharge.
5. Please see copy of report attached that was prepared for NHS Borders Gold Command Covid Committee on the analysis of discharges to Care Homes:



Discharge to Care
Homes Report.pdf

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 **219-20** 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.