

Freedom of Information request 231-20

Request

Can you please outline how many DNR notices were placed on patients by doctors:

1. Broken down by month May 2019 – May 2020
2. By gender for each month in that period
3. By age range in that period – Under 18 / 20-30 / 30-40 / 40-50 / 50-60 / 60-70 / 70-80 / 80-90 / 90 and over
4. A breakdown of the number issued by each hospital in your health board remit / and department
5. How many received patient consent broken down for each month between May 2019 – May 2020
6. How many received power of attorney consent broken down for each month between May 2019 – May 2020

Response

NHS Borders do not hold this data electronically. This data is only available in a patient's notes and to extract this would require a manual trawl of all patient records, and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

This data may be accessible electronically from GP practices, but you would need to contact each practice individually. A list of practices is available at the following link:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/a-z/g/>

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 **231-20** 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.