

Freedom of Information request 233-20

Request

1. How many patients were discharged to care homes from 1st March 2020 to 21st April 2020?
2. Of those how many:
 - a) were discharged without having been tested for COVID19?
 - b) were discharged having had a test for COVID19 which was
 - i) positive
 - ii) negative
 - iii) result pending
3. How many care home beds were planned for purchase as part of your COVID19 mobilisation plan and at what cost? Of those how many have been used for hospital discharges?
4. Please attach a copy of your Covid-19 mobilisation plan.

Response

1. NHS Borders discharged 76 patients to care homes from 1st March 2020 to 21st April 2020.
2. Of those:
 - a) 60 patients were discharged without having been tested for Covid-19
 - b) were discharged having had a test for COVID19 which was:
 - i. positive = 2
 - ii. negative = 14
 - iii. result pending = 0

The 2 patients that were discharged to a care home following a positive test were transferred more than 3 weeks after last positive tests (i.e. after infectious period).

3. NHS Borders do not hold this data, this would be available from Scottish Borders Council, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.
4. NHS Borders Mobilisation Plans are published on the public website as part of our FOI Register (FOI 178-20) and are available on the following link - <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/freedom-of-information/request-and-responses-register/>. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 these documents are accessible elsewhere.

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 **233-20** 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.