

Freedom of Information request 247-20

Request

Under Freedom of Information legislation, I would like

1. All emails/correspondence to and from the Scottish Government to the Chief Executive relating to the freeing up hospital beds to create space for coronavirus patients from February this year to April 27....
2. Also please can you tell me how many patients in your area were moved from hospital to care homes without being tested for coronavirus from February 1st to April 27....

Response

1. Please find below the emails/correspondence currently held between the Scottish Government and Chief Executive of NHS Borders relating to the freeing up of hospital beds to create space for coronavirus patients in the period requested:



Email 1.pdf



Email 2.pdf

2. During the period in question 68 patients were discharged to care homes without being tested for coronavirus. This was prior to revised guidance on testing for care home transfers which was issued by the Scottish Government on 26 April.

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 **247-20** 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.