

Freedom of Information request 258-20

Request

Question 1) How many DNR or DNACPR notices were put in place or agreed in each of the last twelve months between 1st June 2019 and the 30th June 2020 (please provide the data by month)

Question 2) How many requests were made for a DNR or DNACPR notice to be removed from a patient's record in each of the last twelve months between 1st June 2019 and the 30th June 2020 (please provide the data by month)

Question 3) How many DNR or DNACPR notices were in place in a) June 2015, b) June 2016, c) June 2017, d) June 2018, e) June 2019 and f) June 2020

Response

1&3 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 the records of all patients admitted to hospital during this period 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 information may be accessible electronically from a GP practice 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/>

2. NHS Borders have <5 instances recorded of a request for a DNR notice to be removed from patient records in the time period requested.

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 **258-20** 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.