

Freedom of Information request 262-20

Request

Question 1) A copy of any clinical guidance that was followed in discharging patients from hospital to a care home in 2020

Question 2) A copy of any letter, emails, minutes of a meeting, or communication with anyone, or any department, that is or represents the Scottish Government, regarding the discharging of patients to care homes in response to COVID-19

Response

1. NHS Borders has always followed national guidance. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this guidance is available from [Health Protection Scotland](#) for the time period you require.

NHS Borders did produce a Standard Operating Procedure based on the national guidance which is attached below:-



SOP Pre Discharge to
Nursing and Resident

2. Please find attached copies of correspondence between the Chief Executive and Scottish Government currently held in relation to the discharging of patients to care homes in response to COVID-19:



Email 1 .pdf



Email 2 .pdf

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 **262-20** 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.