

Freedom of Information request 264-20

Request

Question 1) How many care home residents were admitted to a hospital in your health board from a care home in each of the last eighteen months between 1st January 2019 and the 30th June 2020 (please provide the data by month)

Question 2) How many patients were tested for COVID-19 before being discharged to a care home in a) March 2020, b) April 2020, c) May 2020, d) June 2020 and how many of those tested positive in each of those months and how many tested negative

Response

1. Please find below the number of care home residents who were admitted to hospital from a care home in each of the last eighteen months between 1st January 2019 and the 30th June 2020 (please provide the data by month):

Month	2019	2020
Jan	10	14
Feb	4	17
Mar	4	15
Apr	7	5
May	6	9
Jun	8	14
Jul	6	
Aug	5	
Sep	5	
Oct	17	
Nov	11	
Dec	18	

Please note not all Care Home admissions are recorded as such on our Patient Administration System as a number are admitted via the Accident & Emergency Department or Acute Assessment Unit and are recorded as admissions from these departments.

2. Please find below the number of patients who were tested for COVID-19 before being discharged to a care home in a) March 2020, b) April 2020, c) May 2020, d) June 2020 and how many of those tested positive in each of those months and how many tested negative:

Month	No. Tested	No. Negative	No. Positive
March 2020	6	6	0
April 2020	18	16	2
May 2020	46	44	2
June 2020	52	52	0

Four patients had a positive test before discharge to a care home;

- 2 patients transferred over 3 weeks from date of last positive test (so were no longer within infectious period)

- 2 patients were admitted from a care home with known Covid-19 and subsequently transferred back to the same care home. These transfers were based on clinical guidance and in the best interests of the patients.

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 **264-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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