

Freedom of Information request 270-20

Request

1. Can you tell me how many patients who were discharged to care homes between March 1 2020 and April 21 2020 were tested for Covid-19 before they were discharged to the care homes?
2. And can you also please tell me how many patients moved to care homes in that period tested negative and how many tested positive?
3. Finally, can you please tell me how many patients in that period were discharged to care homes?

Response

1. There were 16 patients discharged to care homes between 1 March and 21 April 2020 who were tested for Covid-19 before discharge.

2. Over this period please find below the number of patients who tested negative or positive:

Negative = 14

Positive = 2

The 2 patients who were transferred to a care home after a positive test, were transferred over 3 weeks from date of last positive test (so were no longer within infectious period).

3. There were 76 patients discharged to care homes between 1 March and 21 April 2020.

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 **270-20** 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.