

Freedom of Information request 273-20

Request

1. In your health board what are the outpatient waiting times for a patients to be seen for Orthopaedic treatment, in each of the last five financial years, including this year, broken down by:
 - (i) How many patients are on the waiting list?
 - (ii) What are the average and longest waits for patients?
 - (iii) How many patients have waited over the 12 week waiting time target?
 - (iv) How many patients have waited over a year?
 - (v) What is the waiting time for a new patient?
2. Also, how many Orthopaedic Consultants and how many consultant vacancies do you have in your health board?

Response

1. Please find below data as per request:

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
i) No. Patients Waiting List	785	428	914	727	675
ii) Average Waits	4	3	4	1	4
Longest Waits	16	29	30	50	32
iv) Pt Waits over 12 weeks	51	923	1588	1759	2231
v) Pt Waits over 1 year	0	0	0	0	0

(v) NHS Borders do hold accurate data on waiting times for new patients currently due to the current pandemic, therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A this cannot be provided.

2. This information can be found at <https://turasdata.nes.nhs.scot/workforce-official-statistics/nhsscotland-workforce/publications/02-june-2020/dashboards/medical-and-dental/> therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is otherwise accessible.

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 **273-20** 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.