

Freedom of Information request 274-20

Request

1. In your health board what are the outpatient waiting times for a patients to be seen for Glaucoma 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 Glaucoma Consultants and how many consultant vacancies do you have in your health board?

Response

1. Please find below data as per request:
 - i) Number of Patients on Waiting List at 1st April each year:

Year	No of Patients
2015	215
2016	318
2017	603
2018	595
2019	662

- ii) Average Wait of patients:

	No of Weeks
2015'16	0.08
2016'17	0.14
2017'18	0.22
2018'19	0.24
2019'20	0.14

Longest Wait:

	No of Weeks
2015'16	86
2016'17	111
2017'18	65
2018'19	76
2019'20	66

iii) Patients who waited over 12 weeks:

	No of Patients
2015'16	43
2016'17	351
2017'18	779
2018'19	697
2019'20	894

iv) Number of Patients who waited over 1 year:

	No of Patients
2015'16	17
2016'17	113
2017'18	127
2018'19	83
2019'20	58

v) It is not possible to give an accurate figure for waiting times for a new patient in this current pandemic situation, therefore this is not held.

2. NHS Borders does not employ Glaucoma Consultants.

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 **274-20** 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.