

## Freedom of Information request 285-20

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### Request

Please could you provide details of how many patients in your health board area have been referred to private healthcare providers for treatment in each of the past three years.

Please provide details of which services they were referred to at which facilities and the associated cost to your health board.

### Response

Please find below data as per request. The information provided in this response has been extracted from the finance system. The finance system does not record patient details as part of a payment to an external provider. The following activity data has been provided by the waiting times team within NHS Borders and the financial information related to the total payments made to the provider as at 31 March 2020:

#### **Number of Patients Referred to Private Healthcare Provider for Last 3 Financial Years**

Hospital and Specialty	2017'18	2018'19	2019'20
<b>Glasgow Nuffield Hospital</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
Orthopaedic Surgery	42	8	0
<b>Murrayfield Private Hospital</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>0</b>
ENT	0	<5	0
General Surgery	0	<5	0
Orthopaedic Surgery	7	<5	0
<b>Washington Hospital, Newcastle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>51</b>
Orthopaedic Surgery	0	40	51
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>51</b>

Hospital and Board Cost	2017'18 £	2018'19 £	2019'20 £	Grand Total
Glasgow Nuffield Hospital	170	272,402	560	273,132
Murrayfield Private Hospital	300	42,054	263,841	306,195
Washington Hospital, Newcastle	0	14,860	0	14,860
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>329,316</b>	<b>264,401</b>	<b>594,187</b>

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](mailto: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 **285-20** 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.