

Freedom of Information request 292-20

Request

Question 1) How many a) contraceptive implants, b) small rods placed in upper arms, c) contraceptive injections and d) Intrauterine device (IUD) were fitted in each of the previous 18 months from 1st January 2019 to 24th June 2020 (please provide the data by month)

Question 2) How hormonal contraceptives have been prescribed in each of the previous 18 months from 1st January 2019 to 24th June 2020 (please provide the data by month), please breakdown this down by the number of (i) combined pills and (ii) progesterone only pills were prescribed

Question 3) How many pregnancies were registered in your health board in each of the previous 18 months from 1st January 2019 to 24th June 2020 (please provide the data by month)

Question 4) What support and guidance has been provided to patients with additional learning needs where access to their normal choice of birth control prescription was not available due to COVID-19 lockdown

Response

1&2 Please find attached spreadsheet with data as per your request:



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2019-Jun 2020 data -

3. Please find below the number of pregnancies registered in NHS Borders in each of the previous 19 months during period in question:

Jan-19	96
Feb-19	78
Mar-19	96
Apr-19	97
May-19	75
Jun-19	81
Jul-19	89
Aug-19	72
Sep-19	84
Oct-19	99
Nov-19	72
Dec-19	70
Jan-20	89
Feb-20	71
Mar-20	83
Apr-20	96
May-20	66
Jun-20	73

4. In Borders Sexual Health all patients with additional learning needs (along with those deemed to have other “vulnerabilities” to a disruption in contraceptive supply) were assessed over the phone and offered face to face consultations for their original form of contraception if a safe and acceptable alternative could not be found.

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 **292-20** 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.