

Freedom of Information request 344-20

Request

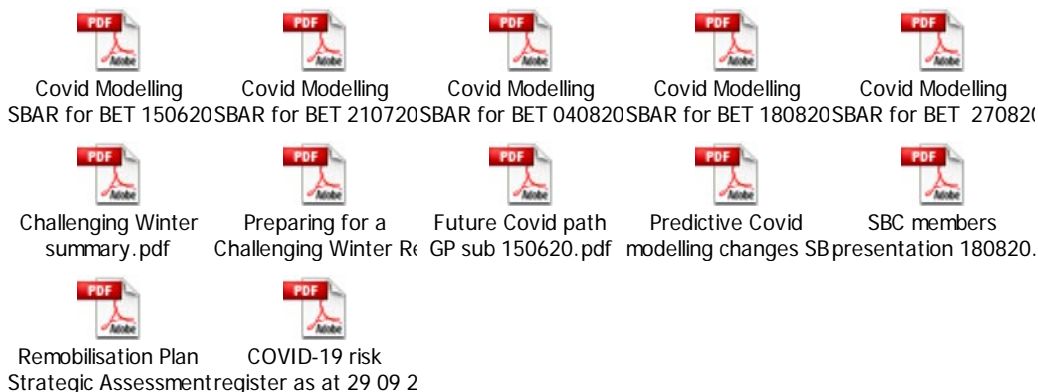
I am writing to you to request the following information.

- 1) Between May 1 2020 and present, any planning documents, briefing notes, or meeting agenda items and associated papers which show, outline, predict or examine the potential impact of a second wave of Covid-19.
 - a) Please take this to include any documentation (but not email correspondence) which includes the phrase 'second wave'.
 - b) The condition in 1a should not be taken to exclude information which falls under the scope of the first part of this request but does not include the phrase 'second wave'.
- 2) Any risk and/or impact assessments carried out by the health board in regards to the potential impact of a second wave of Covid-19 on
 - a) Hospitals
 - b) Care homes
 - c) Acute care services such as A&E
 - d) Primary care services such as GPs

Response

Please find attached below data held by NHS Borders in respect of a 'second wave' as per request. Most of these documents consider both the potential risk of a second wave of covid and an assessment of the potential impact on services. Therefore it is not possible to separate the documents into the 2 categories as requested. However we are sending you:

1. A number of reports made to our Board Executive Team;
2. Assessments of the potential impact of a second wave based on the National report 'Preparing for a challenging winter';
3. Presentations to the Local Authority and GPs regarding the prediction and management of a second wave
4. A copy of the update to our Remobilisation Plan
5. A copy of NHS Borders Covid Risk Register



Please note we have redacted some of the data within these documents under Section 36(2) of the FOI(S)A 2002 as this is deemed confidential information.

A copy of our Remobilisation Plan which also contains reference to a 'second wave' will be published on our public website in the next few weeks therefore we are withholding its release under Section 27(1) 'Intended for future publication' of the FOI(S)A 2002.

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 **344-20** 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.