

Freedom of Information request 352-20

Request

1. During the Coronavirus Pandemic how many patients does NHS Borders have on record of having Covid-19 to date?
2. How many ventilators did NHS Borders receive to help patients who had Covid-19?
3. How many patients received treatment for Covid-19 by use of Ventilator?
4. How many people does NHS Borders have on record to date died from Covid-19?
5. How many Post Mortem's were carried to prove people died directly from Covid-19?
6. How many people died directly from Covid-19?
7. How many ventilators did NHS Borders have before the Coronavirus pandemic?

Response

1. NHS Borders only holds records of Covid-19 testing for patients that were tested within NHS Borders (either via local NHS Borders laboratory testing or where tests were processed through regional laboratories and results sent back to NHS Borders). The total number of positives cases for each board is published daily by the Scottish Government and includes those tested outwith NHS Borders.

Records show that as of midnight on 16 September 2020, 327 people have had a confirmed positive test for Covid-19. This number includes patients and staff that have been tested as part of screening, and therefore is not reflective of the number of patients that have required treatment for Covid-19.

2. NHS Borders received 12 ventilators from the Department of Health for use with Covid-19 patients.
3. A total of 10 patients were invasively ventilated who were suffering from Covid-19.
4. A total of 39 patients have died in hospital following a positive Covid-19 test result within 28 days prior to the date of their death.
5. NHS Borders do not carry out post-mortem examinations.
6. Information on how many people died directly from Covid-19 is available publicly at the following link: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/weekly-and-monthly-data-on-births-and-deaths/deaths-involving-coronavirus-covid-19-in-scotland>
Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.
7. Prior to Covid-19 NHS Borders had 5 main ITU ventilators, 2 transport ventilators and 2 neonatal ventilators.

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 **352-20** 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.