

## Freedom of Information request 381-20

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### Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

1. For each week of 2020, of the patients waiting for an inpatient or day case procedure,
  - a. the total number who have waited over 12 weeks, and
  - b. the number waiting over 12 weeks who have not yet been booked in for their procedure.
2. For each week of 2020, of the patients waiting for an outpatient appointment
  - a. the total number who have waited over 12 weeks, and
  - b. the number waiting over 12 weeks who have not yet been booked in for an appointment.
3. A copy of all recorded information and correspondence regarding 2020 and/or 2021 forecasts of
  - a. Inpatient waiting lists,
  - b. Outpatient waiting lists
  - c. Endoscopy waiting lists
  - d. Radiology waiting lists

### Response

1. a. Please find attached a spreadsheet which shows the number of patients waiting for an inpatient or day case procedure appointment who have waited over 12 weeks:



Total In Patient Day  
Case Waiting over 12

b. This information is not held on an electronic system and to extract this data would require a manual trawl of each record and the time to carry out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

2. a. Please find attached a spreadsheet which shows the number of patients waiting for an outpatient appointment who have waited over 12 weeks:



Total Out Patients  
Waiting over 12 Weel

b. This information is not held on an electronic system and to extract this data would require a manual trawl of each record and the time to carry out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

3. NHS Borders are no longer using the forecasts on Waiting Lists produced at the start of the year, as Covid-19 has now put the Organisation onto an emergency footing, which has been extended to March 2021.

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 **381-20** 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.