

Freedom of Information request 417-20

Request

1. How many ICU beds you currently have.
2. How many of your ICU beds have been used over the months March-October.(on a month by month basis)
3. How many general beds you have
4. How many general beds have been used from March-October (on a month by month basis)
5. How many deaths from Covid you have had on a month by month basis (not died with covid but those that died directly from covid)
6. How many deaths with underlying conditions that were also positive from covid on a month by month basis
7. How many patients were hospitalised but released the same day from March to October (on a month by month basis)
8. How many covid patients do you currently have in hospital?

Response

1. As at 10 November 2020 NHS Borders has 10 ICU beds.
2. Please find below the number of times ICU beds have been occupied over the months requested:

Month	Mar20	Apr20	May20	Jun20	Jul20	Aug20	Sep20	Oct20
Occupied Bed Days	105	197	122	143	125	120	122	169

3. Excluding Women and Children's specialities we currently have open today, 10th November 2020, 197.
4. Please find below the number of times general beds have been occupied over the months requested:

Month	Mar20	Apr20	May20	Jun20	Jul20	Aug20	Sep20	Oct20
Occupied Bed Days	4199	2913	3744	3773	4167	4272	4434	4830

5. These have been defined as those individuals reported on the NRS Registration of Deaths as dying within a Borders hospital with a primary diagnosis of:

U07.1 COVID-19, virus identified is assigned to a disease diagnosis of COVID-19 confirmed by laboratory testing.

Month	Mar20	Apr20	May20	Jun20	Jul20	Aug20	Sep20	Oct20
Deaths in Hospital	8	21	6	0	0	0	<5	<5

6. This information is not collated and recorded electronically and may not be available within a patient's medical notes. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

7. This data excludes Elective Day Cases:

Month	Mar20	Apr20	May20	Jun20	Jul20	Aug20	Sep20	Oct20
0 Days Length of Stay	88	80	89	77	95	61	73	59

8. As at 10 November 2020 there were <5 patients in hospital with Covid-19.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **417-20** 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.