

Freedom of Information request 477-20

Request and Response

Could you please supply information for the following questions:

1. How many centres routinely use CT coronary angiography is assessment of patients with suspected stable angina?

Borders General Hospital

2. How many centres test BNP prior to echocardiography for patients with suspected Heart Failure?

BNP testing is available in all GP practices (23 practices)

Could you also supply data for the following questions for the periods 1st November 2018 to 31st October 2019 and 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020, with all data broken down by month and segmented by sex:

3. How many patients underwent an echocardiogram?

During the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020 a total of 4540 patients underwent an echocardiogram. This data is not collated electronically by gender and would require a manual trawl of all patient records to extract this and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

4. What was the waiting time, in days from referral to procedure, for each patient to receive an echocardiogram?

Please find attached a spreadsheet which details each patient and the waiting time from receiving referral to appointment date:



number of echos for
two year period.xlsx

5. How many patients were referred for a CT coronary angiogram with suspected stable angina?

76 patients from November 2018 to October 2020

6. What was the waiting time, in days from referral to procedure, for each patient with suspected angina to receive a CT coronary angiogram?

Please find data attached:



CT Scans -
Angiogram - 011018-:

7. How many patients were referred for an echocardiogram where the reason for referral is a present murmur or suspected heart valve disease or aortic stenosis?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

8. What was the waiting time, in days from referral to procedure, for each patient referred for an echocardiogram where the reason for referral is a present murmur or suspected heart valve disease or aortic stenosis?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

9. How many patients were referred for an echocardiogram with suspected Heart Failure?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

10. What was the waiting time, in days from referral to procedure, for all patients referred for an echocardiogram with suspected Heart Failure?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

11. How many patients were referred for Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) testing?

BNP testing is a primary care instigated pathway. BNP was commenced in NHS Borders on 1st September 2020. The following tests have been processed:

Sep-20	2 male	6 female
Oct-20	5 male	5 female

12. What was the waiting time in days from referral to BNP testing for each patient?

BNP testing done in primary care, therefore NHS Borders does not hold this data as this would be held by individual GP practices, under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A this data cannot be provided.

13. What was the waiting time in days for each patient referred for an MRI with suspected cardiomyopathy?

Please find data attached:



MRI - Cardiogram -
011018-311020.pdf

14. How many patients had a diagnosis of Type 1 Myocardial Infarction (STEMI and NSTEMI)?

Unfortunately NHS Borders does not hold data on diagnosis of patients with Type 1 Myocardial Infarction (STEMI and NSTEMI) electronically. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

15. How many patients with type 1 Myocardial Infarction have coronary angiogram within 72 hours of diagnosis?

Unfortunately this information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

16. How many patients underwent an echocardiogram following a confirmed diagnosis of type 1 Myocardial Infarction?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

17. How many patients with confirmed type 1 Myocardial Infarction discharged on appropriate secondary prevention medication (anti-platelets, beta-blockers, statins, ACE-inhibitors)?

This data is not collated electronically and would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

18. How many patients with type 1 Myocardial Infarction were referred to cardiac rehabilitation services?

NHS Borders holds a basic separate database of Type 1 Myocardial Infarction patients therefore we can confirm 510 patients were referred to cardiac rehabilitation services.

19. What was the time in minutes for each patient with ST elevation Myocardial Infarction from diagnostic ECG to arrival at a PPCI centre? (ECG to door time)

Unfortunately this information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

20. What was the time in minutes for each patient with ST elevation Myocardial Infarction from arrival at a PPCI centre to angioplasty? (door to balloon time)

Unfortunately this information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

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