

Freedom of Information request 504-20

Request

1. Please advise how many people have died of and with Covid to date in the health board area.
2. Of those who have sadly died "solely" of covid in the health board area, please advise the following:
 - a. Please advise the ages of the people and their gender
 - b. Please advise how many of them actually lived within the health board area - as it is noted that some have been transferred into other health board areas and may have died there
 - c. Please advise what number of them were overweight
 - d. Please advise what number of them were underweight
 - e. Please advise what number of them took vitamin supplements daily
 - f. Please advise how each of them were infected by covid, i.e. being at work (what sort of job do they do?), visiting a care home, visiting a hospitality venue, visiting a neighbour, etc
 - g. What number of them were on any medication for any other medical issue
 - h. What number of them lived alone or lived with someone/others, ie family, nursing home, etc
 - i. What number of them had returned to the UK from overseas in 2020
3. Please advise how many people have died of the flu between the date covid deaths started to become recorded and now.
4. Please advise the current recorded population number for the health board area.

Response

- 1-3. This data is not collected by NHS Borders but would be available from National Records of Scotland through registrations of deaths. Therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this information is otherwise accessible elsewhere.
4. Populations for Health Board areas are publicly available on the National Records of Scotland website at the following address: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates/mid-year-population-estimates> Therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this information is otherwise accessible elsewhere.

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 **504-20** 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.