

Freedom of Information request 2-21

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like you to supply me with the following information:

How many people have died in your hospitals from Covid 19 alone? As in they died ONLY from Covid 19.

I can see the figures that you publish online, but these are deaths that occurred within 28 days of a positive covid test, so they could have died from other causes.

I would like to know the exact figures, from 1st February 2020 until the 31st December 2020, of people who have died from Covid-19 ONLY, and not from other causes please.

Please can you show these numbers separately for each of the following hospitals:

- Borders General Hospital.
- Hawick Community Hospital.
- Hay Lodge Hospital.
- Kelso Community Hospital.
- Knoll Hospital

Response

The table below details the deaths with the only cause of death coded and recorded by NHS Borders as COVID-19 only between 1 February and 31 December 2020, broken down by hospital:

Hospital	Deaths
Borders General Hospital	22
Hawick Community Hospital	<5
Hay Lodge Hospital	<5
Kelso Community Hospital	0
Knoll Hospital	0
TOTAL	25

Please note that as the number of events in some areas is very small, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics for any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information are 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 **2-21** 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.