

Freedom of Information request 39-21

Request

I'd like to submit an FOI request regarding the vaccine rollout for 80-year-olds and over.

It has come to my attention in recent days that several people in the over-80s category don't want the vaccine and have told their GPs/surgeries that they don't wish to be inoculated.

I understand the plan is to have all 80-year-olds and over in Scotland vaccinated by the end of this month.

In light of what I've heard, I'd like to know how many 80-year-olds and over in the health board area have turned down the vaccine and how many have been vaccinated in total (come the end of January)?

Response

Within NHS Borders General Practitioners (GPs) are providing the Covid-19 vaccination to all patients over the age of 80 years. Therefore any patients over 80 that have either received or opted out of receiving their inoculations would inform their GP. Under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data would be held by the practice and we are unable to provide.

Under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002 Duty to provide advice and assistance please find a link to a webpage which lists the GP practices within the NHS Borders area - <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/a-z/g/>

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 **39-21** 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.