

Freedom of Information request 43-21

Request

I am looking for data on Covid-19 Vaccines, as of the date of the first vaccination to 27 January 2021:

- 1) Vaccine that been thrown away and what the name of the vaccine and why was it thrown away.
- 2) How many people have declined it.
- 3) How much vaccine has been unused what was the reason for that .

Clarification Received:

I looking for how much of covid 19 was not use and had to be disposed of and what was the reasons for that

Response

1. For the period up to and including 27 January 2021 3 doses of the Pfizer vaccine were discarded as no suitable patients were available to receive the vaccine.
2. The only information NHS Borders holds on declined vaccinations is when a patient attends an appointment with the intention of receiving the vaccination and the patient and/or clinician decides not to proceed with the vaccination for one of a number of reasons (patient is unwell, patient has anaphylaxis/an allergy, patient refuses consent).

Of the 69 instances where a patient attended an appointment and was not vaccinated, there were 31 instances of a patient not providing consent or refusing consent.

The onus is on a patient to book a vaccination appointment therefore NHS Borders have no information on patients who decline to make an appointment.

3. For the period up to and including 27 January 2021, 59 doses of vaccine were wasted for a variety of reasons including damage during transit, dropped vials, issues with drawing and reconstitution of vaccine, excess stock and clinician error.

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 **43-21** 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.