

Freedom of Information request 49-21

Request

I request you supply me with the following information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 for all hospitals within NHS Borders Health board.

1. Total number of deaths where Covid 19 was singular cause of death from 01/02/20 to date.
2. Total number of deaths where Covid 19 is shown as the primary cause of death from 01/02/20 to date.
3. Total number of deaths where Covid 19 has been shown as a contributory factor from 01/02/20 to date
4. Total number of deaths where Covid 19 may have been a contributory factor ie tested positive within last 28 days from 01/02/20 to date.

Response

1. There have been 4 deaths in the NHS Borders hospitals with Covid 19 as the only reason for death in the period from 01/02/2020.
2. There have been 80 deaths in the NHS Borders hospitals where Covid 19 is in the primary coding position for deaths in the period from 01/02/2020.
3. There have been 6 deaths in the NHS Borders hospitals where Covid 19 is in a secondary coding position only for deaths in the period from 01/02/2020.
4. There have been 4 inpatient deaths in NHS Borders hospitals from 01/02/2020 to 10/02/2021 who had had a positive test within the last 28 days.

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 **49-21** 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.