

Freedom of Information request 115-21

Request

I wish to request the following information under freedom of information (Scotland) legislation.

1. The number of still births recorded, broken down by month (if possible), from March 1 2018 to March 1 2021.
2. The number of miscarriages recorded, broken down by month (if possible) from March 1 2018 to March 1 2021.
3. The number of premature deliveries (before 37 weeks), broken down by month (if possible) from March 2018 to March 1 2021.

Response

1. See the table below for the number of still births, broken down by month, from March 1 2018 to March 1 2021 at NHS Borders:

March 2018	<5
April 2018	0
May 2018	0
June 2018	0
July 2018	0
August 2018	0
September 2018	<5
October 2018	<5
November 2018	0
December 2018	0
January 2019	0
February 2019	0
March 2019	<5
April 2019	0
May 2019	0
June 2019	0
July 2019	0
August 2019	0
September 2019	0
October 2019	0
November 2019	0
December 2019	0
January 2020	0
February 2020	0
March 2020	0
April 2020	0
May 2020	0
June 2020	<5
July 2020	<5
August 2020	0
September 2020	0
October 2020	0

November 2020	0
December 2020	<5
January 2021	0
February 2021	0

2. See table below for the number of miscarriages recorded, broken down by month, March 1 2018 to March 1 2021 at NHS Borders:

March 2018	<5
April 2018	<5
May 2018	<5
June 2018	0
July 2018	<5
August 2018	<5
September 2018	<5
October 2018	0
November 2018	<5
December 2018	0
January 2019	<5
February 2019	<5
March 2019	<5
April 2019	<5
May 2019	<5
June 2019	0
July 2019	0
August 2019	0
September 2019	0
October 2019	<5
November 2019	<5
December 2019	<5
January 2020	0
February 2020	<5
March 2020	0
April 2020	0
May 2020	<5
June 2020	<5
July 2020	<5
August 2020	0
September 2020	0
October 2020	0
November 2020	<5
December 2020	0
January 2021	0
February 2021	<5

Please note that a miscarriage is defined as delivery at less than 24 weeks and that the number of miscarriages in the above table only includes women who had booked with their community midwife.

3. See the table below for the number of premature deliveries (before 37 weeks), broken down by month from March 2018 to March 1 2021 at NHS Borders:

March 2018	<5
April 2018	6
May 2018	<5
June 2018	<5
July 2018	<5
August 2018	9
September 2018	<5
October 2018	<5
November 2018	<5
December 2018	<5

January 2019	6
February 2019	6
March 2019	8
April 2019	<5
May 2019	<5
June 2019	<5
July 2019	5
August 2019	<5
September 2019	<5
October 2019	7
November 2019	6
December 2019	6
January 2020	5
February 2020	<5
March 2020	7
April 2020	<5
May 2020	0
June 2020	5
July 2020	<5
August 2020	<5
September 2020	5
October 2020	<5
November 2020	<5
December 2020	<5
January 2021	<5
February 2021	<5

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is 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 **115-21** 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.