

## Freedom of Information request 135-21

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### Request

I am writing to request information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am hoping you can kindly tell me:

- How many C-sections have been carried out in your health board over the last five years?
- Can I please have the number broken down for each individual year i.e. 50 C-sections conducted in 2015, 60 C-sections conducted in 2016 etc.
- How many births in total have been recorded within your health board for each year over the last five years? Again, can these figures be broken down year by year i.e. 100 births occurred in total in 2015, 150 occurred in total in 2016 etc.

### Response

See the table below for the information requested:

| Year | Number of C-Section Deliveries | Number of Births  |
|------|--------------------------------|---|
| 2016 | 264                            | Please note under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. Please see below for links to this information. |
| 2017 | 265                            |   |
| 2018 | 264                            |   |
| 2019 | 270                            |   |
| 2020 | 271                            |   |

The number of births at NHS Borders for the last five years can be found at <https://www.isdscotland.org/Publications/index.asp> up to December 2019, and at <https://beta.isdscotland.org/find-publications-and-data/population-health/births-and-maternity/births-in-scottish-hospitals/> from December 2019 onwards.

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](mailto: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 **135-21** 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.