

Freedom of Information request 200-21

Request

Can you please provide the number of referrals made by your health board for the following surgical procedures, for every year from 2015 to 2020:

1. Vaginoplasties (for transgender males).
2. Orchidectomies (for transgender males).
3. Phalloplasties (for transgender females).
4. Double mastectomies (for transgender females).

Please specify whether these answers pertain to calendar or financial years.

Please also break down the data for each year, and type of surgery, into age ranges, for example: under 18, 18-25, 26-40, over 40 years old.

Response

NHS Borders patients requiring transgender procedures are referred from our tertiary Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) in NHS Lothian. These procedures are funded and managed through National Services Scotland. Therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

Please note that vaginoplasties and orchidectomies are performed on transgender females and phalloplasties and double mastectomies are performed on transgender males.

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 **200-21** 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.