

## Freedom of Information request 204-21

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### Request

This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Question 1) How many patients have been hospitalised with COVID19 after receiving their first vaccination?

Question 2) How many patients have been hospitalised with COVID19 after receiving their second vaccination?

Question 3) How many patients who had received their first COVID19 vaccination have died with COVID19?

Question 4) How many patients who had received their second COVID19 vaccination have died with COVID19?

### Response

NHS Borders commenced its Covid Vaccination Programme on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Since this time there have been 155 patient hospitalised with Covid 19.

- 1) There have been 11 patients hospitalised with Covid 19 after receiving their first vaccination at NHS Borders.
- 2) No patients have been hospitalised with Covid 19 after receiving their second vaccination at NHS Borders.
- 3) <5 patients who had received their first Covid 19 vaccination have died with Covid 19 at NHS Borders.  
(the definition used for a Covid death is one where the patient died within 28 days of having a confirmed Covid 19 PCR test or Covid is mentioned on the death certificate)
- 4) No patients who had received their second Covid 19 vaccination have died with Covid 19 at NHS Borders.

**Please note:** Public Health Scotland (PHS) published data in its weekly report on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, to include a section on Covid 19 related hospital admissions and presents information on the vaccine status of patients with Covid 19 who were hospitalised, you will find the information in Figure 8 and Table 20 of the full report at the link provided to the publication below:

<https://beta.isdscotland.org/find-publications-and-data/population-health/covid-19/covid-19-statistical-report/>

PHS used the following definitions within the publication and these have been used for responding to this request.

- Unvaccinated: An individual that has had no doses of Covid 19 vaccine and has tested positive for Covid 19 by PCR or has had one dose of Covid 19 vaccine and has tested positive less than or equal to ten days after their first dose of Covid 19 vaccine.
- Dose 1: An individual that has had one dose of Covid 19 vaccine and has tested positive for COVID 19 by PCR more than 10 days after their first dose of Covid 19 vaccine or 7 days or less after their second dose of Covid 19 vaccine.

- Dose 2: An individual that has had two doses of Covid 19 vaccine and has tested positive for Covid 19 by PCR more than 7 days after their second dose of Covid 19 vaccine.

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number of deaths is very small, to provide further details could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics that 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](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 **204-21** 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.