

Freedom of Information request 230-21

Request

We were hoping to obtain the data listed below from 08/12/2020 till 22/06/2021.

1. Capacity of each vaccination centre in NHS Border
2. Number of vaccinators assigned to each vaccination centre in NHS Border (daily)
3. Number of vaccinations carried out at each vaccination centre in NHS Border (daily)
4. Waiting time for patients from when they enter the vaccination centre till the time they get vaccinated in each vaccination centre in NHS Border
5. Number of patients (and postcodes) visiting each vaccination centre in NHS Border (daily)
6. Population in NHS Border for each priority group according to the two phase roll-out

Clarification:

"The population in NHS Border for each priority group according to the two-phase rollout" I seek in question 6, is simply the population (and postcodes) of each JCVI priority group ([Link](#)) in NHS Border. I wanted the postcode wise population, but I understand that processing each patient's data will take large amounts of data processing. If there is any data already processed relating to patients according to postcodes, it would greatly benefit me for my project.

Yes, questions 3 and 5 are indeed similar. I'm happy to get data for the "number of vaccinations" as suggested. If I may ask, is this data postcode wise?

For question 6:

Yes, as the website points out the vaccines are delivered in NHS Borders according to three waves, and each wave addresses several JCVI priority group, hence I seek the data corresponding to each wave. It would greatly help me if the data could be filtered according to the priority groups too.

In terms of population, I seek the general population not just those who have been vaccinated.

Response

1. The capacity at the mass Vaccination Centres in the NHS Borders area are as follows:

Galashiels Queens Centre - up to 720 appointments per day
Peebles Gytes – up to 540 appointments per day
Hawick Town Hall – up to 450 appointments per day
Eyemouth Community Centre – up to 180 appointments per day
Kelso Showground – up to 900 appointments per day

Please note these are the current mass vaccination centres, other venues have been used during the course of the programme however we do not have schedules reaching back to December and therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

2. The number of vaccinators assigned to each vaccination centre in the NHS Borders area per day are as follows:

Galashiels Queens Centre – up to 9 vaccinators per day
Peebles Gytes – up to 6 vaccinators per day
Hawick Town Hall – up to 9 vaccinators per day
Eyemouth Community Centre – up to 3 vaccinators per day
Kelso Showground – up to 10 vaccinators per day

Please note we are unable to give exact figures dating back to December 2020. We have in some instances changed venues.

3. Please see the excel spreadsheet attached:



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4. The average waiting time varies and is difficult to record, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. We can advise however that the majority of patients will be vaccinated in well under 5 minutes, but some may take 10 minutes or longer if the clinic is busier. Patients are kept informed if there is a delay.
5. Please see the attached excel spreadsheet above.

6. The population of each priority group is as follows:

JCVI Priority	Group	Population
1	Care Home Residents & Staff	1861
	80+ Years	7142
2	Patient-facing frontline healthcare workers	7063
	Non-clinical but patient facing staff in secondary or primary care / community healthcare settings	
	Laboratory & pathology staff	
	Social care staff directly involved in care of their service users and others involved directly in delivering social care such as that they and vulnerable patients / clients are at increased risk of exposure	
3	75+ Years	5853
4	70+ Years and clinically extremely vulnerable	10,158
5	65+ Years	8037
6	16-65 Years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious disease / mortality, and unpaid carers	12,422
7	60+ Years	8799
8	55+ Years	9378
9	50+ Years	9383
10	40+ Years	13,816
11	30+ Years	11,173
12	18+ Years and 16 / 17 At-Risk	13,161
	Total	127,045

Please note some patients may appear in more than one priority group, for instance, if they are 30+ and a healthcare worker.

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number of patients 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.

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