

Freedom of Information request 1-22

Request

In accordance with the Freedom of Information(Scotland) Act, 2002, I request the following information is provided:

1. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as a cause of death or recorded on the deceased's death certificate.
Can you please provide this information by date (including a total for 2020 and 2021) from February 2020 to 2021 year end (31/12/2021) or the latest information available at the time of the response.
Can you also please provide this information in 5 year age group bands
2. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as the sole cause of death by your hospitals or recorded on the deceased's death certificate.
Can you please provide this information by date (including a total for 2020 and 2021)) from February 2020 to 2021 year end (31/12/2021) or the latest information available at the time of the response.
Can you also please provide this information in 5 year age group bands
3. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as the cause of death and where the patient had a 'Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)' order placed on their file ahead of their death.
Can you please provide this information by date (including a total for 2020 and 2021)) from February 2020 to 2021 year end (31/12/2021) or the latest information available at the time of the response.
4. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as the cause of death and where the patient was already receiving End of Life Care within the hospital facilities, before they were tested positive for COVID-19
Can you please provide this information by date (including a total for 2020 and 2021) from February 2020 to 2021 year end (31/12/2021) or the latest information available at the time of the response.
5. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities where COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as a cause of death or recorded on the deceased's death certificate, where the patient caught COVID-19 whilst they were attending hospital or other GGC NHS facilities?
Can you please provide this information by date (including a total for 2020 and 2021)) from February 2020 to 2021 year end (31/12/2021) or the latest information available at the time of the response.
Can you also please provide this information in 5 year age group bands
6. Please provide the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where the OMICRON variant of COVID-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as a cause of death or recorded on the deceased's death certificate.
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Can you also please provide this information in 5 year age group bands

Response

1. Please see the table below for the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where Covid-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as a cause of death or recorded on the deceased's death certificate from February 2020 to 31 December 2021:

Age band	2020	2021
45-49	0	<5
50-54	0	<5
55-59	0	<5
60-64	<5	6
65-69	<5	6
70-74	7	11
75-79	10	9
80-84	15	16
85-89	5	9
90 and over	15	7
Total	58	71

2. Please see the table below for the total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where Covid-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as the sole cause of death or recorded on the deceased's death certificate from February 2020 to 31 December 2021:

Ageband	2020	2021
55-59	0	<5
60-64	0	0
65-69	0	0
70-74	<5	0
75-79	0	0
80-84	0	<5
85-89	0	<5
90 and over	<5	0
Total	<5	<5

3. This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
4. Please see the table below for total number of deaths that occurred within NHS Borders facilities, where Covid-19 (SARS-COV2 Coronavirus) was listed as the cause of death and where the patient was already receiving End of Life Care within the hospital facilities, before they were tested positive for Covid-19 from February 2020 to 31 December 2021

Ageband	2020	2021
55-59	0	<5
60-64	0	0
65-69	0	<5
Total	0	<5

5. This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
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Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number in some areas are 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.

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 **1-22** 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.