

## Freedom of Information request 10-22

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### Request

- 1) How many chronic pain outpatients received steroid or other pain relief injections in each year 2020 and 2021? Please itemise a) how many new patients, b) how many returns.
- 2) How many chronic pain outpatients received steroid or other pain relief injections in the year 2019, new and returns?
- 3) Have injection treatments resumed for these outpatients - or not - in your area and when did they resume if that happened?
- 4) How many chronic pain out patients in total are currently on your waiting lists for injections?

NOTE: Please state what you count as a year in relation to replies.

### Response

1. Please see table below for the number of chronic pain outpatients who received steroid or other pain relief injections in 2020 and 2021:

	New Patients	Return Patients
2020	0	13
2021	<5	14

2. In 2019 16 new and 26 return outpatients received steroid or other pain relief injections.
3. Yes, injection treatments have resumed. The last clinic of 2021 was in November and the next clinic is booked for March 2022.
4. There are 5 chronic pain outpatients on NHS Borders waiting list for injections.

Note: a year is 1 January to 31 December.

As the number of outpatients in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics 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.

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 **10-22** 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.