

Freedom of Information request 39-22

Request

1. Under freedom of information legislation can you please provide details of the number of Covid vaccine overdoses recorded since they first started being administered to members of the public in Scotland.
2. Can these be broken down by year, and if it does not cost too much, by month, and if it does not cost too much by type of vaccine (Pfizer etc)?
3. If it does not bring it above the cost threshold can they also be broken down according to whether they were administered as the first, second or booster vaccine if possible?
4. Can details of the exact locations, i.e.: town hall, medical centre etc, if the cost of compliance does not exceed the limit.

Response

As per JCVI Guidance, the “primary schedule” for Covid-19 vaccinations is two doses of a Covid-19 vaccination and a booster, however clinically at risk / immunosuppressed patients are eligible for three doses of a Covid-19 vaccination and a booster, this would not be considered an overdose as it is clinically necessary.

To extract the data to determine patients who have received more than the primary schedule (i.e. two doses and a booster) and determine whether these were clinically necessary or non-essential would require a manual trawl of approximately 1,400 individual patient records. 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 therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

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 **39-22** 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.