

## Freedom of Information request 54-22

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### Request

I am looking for information regarding the number of private surgeries and procedures carried out on behalf of your NHS Board during the period from 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

As such, can I request the following:

1. A breakdown of the total activity at private hospitals on behalf of the NHS Board, including outpatient appointments and procedures. For procedures, please provide a breakdown of what these were.
2. Please could you provide a breakdown of activity by each private hospital involved in the initiative.
3. Please could you provide a breakdown of the activity by each health board involved in the initiative.
4. Please could you provide the total cost of these procedures, broken down by each private health company.

### Response

There were no NHS Borders patients treated privately between 1 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

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 **54-22** 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.