

Freedom of Information request 56-22

Request

- 1) How many staff have made the service aware that they have Long Covid? Please break the figure down to show any categorisations of staff (i.e. nurses, consultants, etc.) who have Long Covid to date.
- 2) How many of these staff have been signed off work by their doctor for any period of time due to Long Covid.

Response

1. Please see the table below for the number of staff who have advised they have Long Covid:

<u>Summary - Breakdown of Staffing Category</u>	
Admin Clerical	10
Clin Scientist Life Servs	<5
Domestic Staff	<5
Estates Staff	<5
General Service Staff	<5
Nursing + Midwifery-registered	9
Nursing + Midwifery-unregister	11
Occupational Therapists	<5
Oral Health Services	<5
Pharmacists	<5
Pharmacy Technicians	<5
Psychologists	<5
Senior Medical & Dental	<5
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2. NHS Borders protocols require that if employee has Covid-19, a form med 3 is required once the isolation period has been completed, and if they remain too unwell to return to work, full pay for Covid-19 remains. This is not time limited.

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

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 **56-22** 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.