

Freedom of Information request 60-22

Request

- 1) Number of patients with a neuromuscular condition in your area broken down by a) age and b) type of condition
- 2) A) average and b) longest waiting time for a patient with a neuromuscular condition to access a specialist muscle clinic appointment, broken down by year since 2017
- 3) A) Average and b) longest waiting time for a patient with a neuromuscular condition to access a physiotherapy appointment broken down by year since 2017
- 4) Number of patients on the waiting list for a specialist appointment as referred to above, and the a) average and b) longest time they have been waiting, broken down by year since 2017
- 5) Number of neuromuscular staff, broken down by the different healthcare professionals (i.e. a neuromuscular consultant, neuromuscular physiotherapist) and the hospital they work in
- 6) Number of neuromuscular psychologists
- 7) What the expected a) weekly and b) monthly allocated time neuromuscular psychologists give to individual patients
- 8) Number of vacancies for neuromuscular staff and an average on how long these vacancies have been open, broken down by year since 2017

CLARIFICATION:

We would consider every condition listed here to be a neuromuscular condition:

<https://www.musculardystrophyuk.org/conditions>

Response

1. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. 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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5. While clinical psychologists have a broad understanding of neuropsychology and clinical health psychology that they receive as part of their training, we do not have any psychologists in NHS Borders who are resourced to provide specialised input to people with neurological conditions such as muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular conditions.
6. See Answer 5.
7. See Answer 5.
8. There have been no vacancies for neuromuscular staff at NHS Borders since 2017.

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 **60-22** 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.