

Freedom of Information request 138-22

Request

1. The Total prescription spend each year for Ostomy supplies (prescription spend) in your Board Area from 2012 up until and including 2021.
2. The Total number of Ostomy patients in our Board Area from 2012 up until and including 2021.
3. Does your Board Area have a Stoma Patient Forum and or Stoma Forum?
4. Please provide all dates that it has (Stoma Patient Forum and or Stoma Forum) met since January 1st 2016 up until the present day.
5. Please provide all minutes of any meeting of the Stoma Patient Forum and or Stoma Forum since January 1st 2016 up until the present day.

Response

1. Please see the table below for the total prescription spend for Ostomy supplies and number of Ostomy patients in NHS Borders from 2012 up until and including 2021:

Calendar Year	Prescription spend	Number of Ostomy Prescriptions
2012	£364,543.49	334
2013	£368,096.80	342
2014	£377,389.12	330
2015	£389,405.01	325
2016	£426,068.11	356
2017	£437,186.30	355
2018	£480,248.49	379
2019	£464,698.40	389
2020	£463,944.17	388
2021	£488,098.64	398

2. The exact number of Ostomy patients within NHS Borders is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this 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.

All GP Practices in the Scottish Borders are independent contractors and not managed by NHS Borders. Information relating to Ostomy patient numbers at GP Practices would be held by each Practice, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

3. No, there is no Stoma Patient Forum or Stoma Forum run by NHS Borders. There is however a patient led support group in the NHS Borders area.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.

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 **138-22** 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.