

## Freedom of Information request 179-22

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### Request

Could I please make the following FOI request:

1. Could you provide the full time equivalent (FTE) Stoma Nurse numbers in your Board Area per year (calendar or financial) from 2012 up until and including 2022?
2. How many Ileostomy procedures were carried out in your Board Area per year (calendar or financial) from 2012 up until and including 2022?
3. How many Colostomy procedures were carried out in your Board Area per year (calendar or financial) from 2012 up until and including 2022?
4. How many Urostomy procedures were carried out in your Board Area per year (calendar or financial) from 2012 up until and including 2022?
5. Could you provide the annual spend for Appliance Contractor dispensing, customisation and delivery fees (this is one global figure) in your Board Area per year (calendar or financial) from 2012 up until and including 2022?

### Response

1. There has been one full time equivalent (FTE) Stoma Nurse at NHS Borders from 2012 to 2022.
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& 4. Please see the table below for the number of procedures carried out from 2012 to 2022:

Year	Colostomy	Ileostomy	Ileostomy / Urostomy
2012	17	81	23
2013	16	84	19
2014	18	87	24
2015	8	66	26
2016	9	58	21
2017	10	65	24
2018	12	75	26
2019	8	75	32
2020	11	61	12
2021	10	73	14
2022	<5	8	<5

Please note:

2022 data should be viewed as provisional

There is not an individual procedure code for Urostomy; Codes G74 & G75 are also used for ileostomy

As NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number of some procedures 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(1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics which states 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.

5. Please see the table below for the total spend for Appliance Contractor dispensing, customisation and delivery fees for the financial years 2016/17 to 2021/22, we do not hold this information for the financial years 2011/12 to 2014/15:

2011/12	This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2012/13	
2013/14	
2014/15	
2016/17	£179,278
2017/18	£181,730
2018/19	£184,429
2019/20	£187,310
2020/21	£170,356
2021/22	£183,144

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 **179-22** 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.