

Freedom of Information request 227-22

Request

1. In this health board, how many patients were discharged from hospitals into care homes in 2020? Please also provide the data for 2021.
2. In this health board, of those patients who were discharged from hospitals into care homes, how many completed a Covid test before their discharge? Please provide the data for the calendar year 2020 and 2021.
3. In this health board, of those patients who were discharged from hospitals into care homes, how many did not complete a Covid test before their discharge? Please provide the data for the calendar year 2020 and 2021.

FURTHER DATA REQUESTED FOR Qs 2 & 3 ABOVE:

I wonder if, for the following points, you could provide data from within 2 days before and within 5 days before discharge –

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3. In this health board, of those patients who were discharged from hospitals into care homes, how many did not complete a Covid test before their discharge? Please provide the data for the calendar year 2020 and 2021.

Response

1. There were 518 patients discharged from NHS Borders hospitals to care homes in 2020 and 449 patients discharged to care homes in 2021.
2. The following table summarises the number of patients discharged from NHS Borders hospitals to Care Homes receiving tests within 2 days before and within 5 days before discharge:

NHS Borders Care Home Discharges	2020	2021
Received Covid test before discharge	358	446
Received Covid test within 5 days of discharge	329	419
Received Covid test within 2 days of discharge	257	361

3. The following table summarises the number of patients discharged from NHS Borders hospitals to Care Homes not receiving tests within 2 days before and within 5 days before discharge:

NHS Borders Care Home Discharges	2020	2021
Did not receive a Covid test	160	<5
Did not receive Covid test within 5 days of discharge but did receive a test	29	27
Did not receive Covid test within 2 days of discharge but did receive a test	101	85

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics 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 **227-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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