

## Freedom of Information request 232-22

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### Request

1. How many women were on the health board/Sandyford waiting list for LARC removals in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?
2. If data isn't kept on removals specifically, can you tell me how many women were on the waiting list for procedures linked to LARCs in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?
3. Can you tell me how many women had been waiting longer than six months for LARC removals (or procedures linked to LARCs) in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?
4. Can you tell me how many women had been waiting longer than a year for LARC removals (or procedures linked to LARCs) in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22?

### Response

1. All of our patients requesting LARC removal were booked into appointments within 6 weeks. Therefore NHS Borders have never had a waiting list apart from during the first COVID lockdown in 2020 when our services were reduced.

Patients enquiring about LARC removals were added to a waiting list and as soon as lockdown eased were given an appointment between 2-12 weeks.

- 110 patients were added to the lockdown waiting list 2020/2021
- No waiting lists were held in 2019/2020 and 2021/2022

2. Not applicable.
3. No one waited more than six months.
4. No one waited more than a year.

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 **232-22** 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.