

Freedom of Information request 323-22

Request

Gynaecology Waiting Lists

1. How long is your Gynaecology waiting list from referral by GP to first appointment with consultant?
2. How long is your Gynaecology waiting list from first appointment with consultant to the start of treatment?
3. How long is the waiting list for an 'urgent appointment'?
4. What is your definition of 'urgent' in the context of gynaecology?

Urology Waiting Lists

1. How long is your 'male urology' waiting list from referral by GP to first appointment with consultant?
2. How long is your 'male urology' waiting list from first appointment with consultant to the start of treatment?
3. How long is the waiting list for an 'urgent appointment'?
4. What is your definition of 'urgent' in the context of 'male urology'?

Male Reproductive Health

1. How long is your 'male reproductive health' waiting list from referral by GP to first appointment with consultant?
2. How long is your 'male reproductive health' waiting list from first appointment with consultant to the start of treatment?
3. How long is the waiting list for an 'urgent appointment'?
4. What is your definition of 'urgent' in the context of 'male reproductive health'?

Response

Gynaecology Waiting Lists (in weeks)

1&3 Please find below data as per request:

			Routine	Urgent
Outpatients	Gynaecology	Average	13	2
Outpatients	Gynaecology	Longest	57	4
Inpatients	Gynaecology	Average	48	6
Inpatients	Gynaecology	Longest	141	19

2. The first appointment is the start of treatment

4. NHS Borders follows the Clinical Prioritisation Framework to define urgent cases.

Urology Waiting Lists (in weeks)

Please note we cannot separate male and female urology waits, therefore under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided the data below which defines all NHS Borders patients waiting on urology appointments.

1&3 Please find below data as per request:

			Routine	Urgent
Outpatients	Urology	Average	28	4
Outpatients	Urology	Longest	93	17
Inpatients	Urology	Average	43	25
Inpatients	Urology	Longest	149	129

2. The first appointment is the start of treatment

4. NHS Borders follows the Clinical Prioritisation Framework to define urgent cases.

Male Reproductive Health

NHS Borders do not provide a Male Reproductive Health service, this is a specialist service provided from our tertiary centre in NHS Lothian, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data can be accessed elsewhere.

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 **323-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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