

Freedom of Information request 331-22

Request

I am looking for information regarding the number of patients who have died whilst on an NHS waiting list in your health board. As such, can I request the following

- 1) The total number of patients who have died whilst waiting on a waiting list for the last five years to present, broken down by year.
- 2) A breakdown, by number of weeks, of long the deceased patient had been on a waiting list.
- 3) The number of patients who have died whilst on a waiting list for the last five years to present, broken down by type by waiting list – a) diagnostics; b) outpatients; c) inpatients.
- 4) The number of patients who have died whilst on a waiting list for the last five years to present, broken down by type by speciality.

Is it possible to have this information provided in excel/spreadsheet format?

Response

Please find attached data as requested:



331-22 Collated
Data.xlsx

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 **331-22** 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.