

## Freedom of Information request 349-22

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### Request

- 1a. The number of primary bariatric surgery operations\* performed by financial year, from 2017/18 to 2021/22  
*(\*including operations in private hospitals where these were used to provide additional capacity for the NHS)*
- 1b. The mean average wait from admission to Tier 4 services to surgery, by financial year, from 2017/18 to 2021/22.
2. How many patients are on your bariatric surgery RTT (referral to treatment) waiting list at present?
  - and at the end of each financial year from 2017/18 to 2021/22.
- 3a. The number of people enrolled within your Tier 3 weight management services:
  - at present,
  - and at the end of each financial year from 2017/18 to 2021/22.
- 3b. The number of people enrolled within your Tier 4 services:
  - at present,
  - and at the end of each financial year from 2017/18 to 2021/22.

### Response

- 1a. NHS Borders do not carry out bariatric surgery. The number of operations recorded below are procedures commissioned by our Board and carried out elsewhere:  
  
2017/2018 0 procedures  
2018/2019 <5 procedures  
2019/2020 <5 procedures  
2020/2021 <5 procedures  
2021/2022 <5 procedures
- 1b. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. NHS Borders do not provide a bariatric surgery service. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
- 3a. There are currently 137 patients enrolled on the NHS Borders Tier 3 weight management service.  
  
The number of people enrolled within NHS Borders Tier 3 weight management services:  
  
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3b. NHS Borders do not have a Tier 4 weight management service.

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](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 **349-22** 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.