

Freedom of Information request 352-22

Request

- 1) How many thrombectomies were carried out by the health board since November 2020?
- 2) How many people were a) eligible for a thrombectomy and b) underwent the procedure in 2020/21 and 2021/22?
- 3) If the procedure was denied, what was the reason given?
- 4) How many patients have been referred to your health board from neighbouring boards for thrombectomy since November 2020?
- 5) How many patients have you referred to another health board to receive a thrombectomy since November 2020?

Response

- 1) NHS Borders does not carry out thrombectomies. Patients are directed into NHS Lothian as the tertiary provider of care for NHS Borders residents for this procedure.
- 2) We do not hold this information as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - thrombectomy patients are not treated within NHS Borders.
- 3) We do not hold this information as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - thrombectomy patients are not treated within NHS Borders.
- 4) Patients are not referred to NHS Borders for thrombectomies.
- 5) There were 21 patients referred to NHS Lothian with a primary diagnosis of Embolism & Thrombosis between December 2020 and July 2022. NHS Borders does not hold the information as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as to whether the patients received a thrombectomy.

Please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere: NHS Lothian.

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 **352-22** 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.