

## Freedom of Information request 372-22

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### Request

1. How many under 18 year old biological males and females have been given gender reassignment surgery in your health board area over the past five years? Please break the numbers down according to the type of surgery provided, i.e. male to female and female to male genital surgery and male to female specialist chest reconstructive surgery.
2. In the last five years, how many under 18 year old biological males and females were granted funding by the health board to have gender reassignment surgery in England when they turned 18?
3. How many transgender people have detransitioned in each of the past five years and how many are currently in the process of detransitioning in your health board area? Please break the figures down for each year.
4. How many transgender people are currently on the waiting list to undergo surgery in your health board area to detransition?
5. How much has your health board spent on funding gender reassignment surgeries and all associated treatment costs in the last five years? Please break the figures down to show how much was spent for each age group (using whatever age groupings the health board uses) and the chosen gender of those undergoing surgery in each year.
6. Has your health board settled any claims from transgender people contending that they should not have been given gender reassignment surgery in the last five years? If so, please provide details of how many cases there have been and any associated costs for compensation the board has paid out (directly or via insurance) as a result.

### Response

#### Questions 1 – 4

NHS Borders does not have a Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) locally within Borders facilities, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. NHS Borders patients requiring gender reassignment surgery are referred from a Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) to one of the nationally approved providers for care and therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please note NHS Borders' tertiary provider of care, which includes the local GIC for our patients, is NHS Lothian. Patients under 17 years old would be diverted into the GIC at NHS Glasgow.

#### Questions 5 & 6

Following the Scottish pathways and criteria in place, gender procedures are funded and managed through National Services Scotland. Patients under 16 years of age in Scotland would not be considered for hormone therapy or gender surgery. Therefore, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible 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](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 **372-22** 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.