

Freedom of Information request 433-22

Request

1. Please provide data for:

- To date, the number of people diagnosed with long Covid in your health board area, broken down by age, gender and any other demographic group.
- To date, the number of people who are being treated as a long Covid patient in your health board area.

2. Please also provide a copy of your health board's submission to the Scottish Government's strategic network on managing the long term effects of Covid-19 for how you intend to utilise Long Covid Support Funding, including any specific request for funding/budgets.

Response

1. NHS Borders do not hold data on the number of people diagnosed with Long Covid as this is not recorded at present. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

The number of patients recorded as having been treated for Long Covid within secondary care to date is detailed below:

Within Rehab, 62 referrals have been made to Respiratory Physiotherapy to date with 32 discharged, 11 ongoing, and 17 yet to be assessed. Referrals are also being made to Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy and Dietetics, as well as the screening being carried out within Clinical Psychology.

Please note patients may be diagnosed and treated by their GP practice within Primary Care and we do not hold this data.

2. Please find attached a copy of NHS Borders' submission to the Strategic Network for Long Covid funding:



Long Covid Resource
Application.pdf

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 **433-22** 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.