

Freedom of Information request 443-22

Request

1. The cost incurred for treating patients who were ineligible for treatment in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and up to August 2022, broken down by date, hospital and the cost of treatment and what the treatment was in each case.
2. In each case state on what grounds the patient was ineligible for healthcare, e.g. foreign patient etc.

Response

1. NHS Borders do not record the actual cost incurred for treating ineligible patients, except where this activity is chargeable. Charges issued are based on average specialty cost adjusted for length of stay and as such may not represent the true cost of individual patient treatment.

Therefore, the data we hold does not have the level of detail requested and under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide a full response to the question.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance we are able to detail the amount of income recovered in relation to chargeable activity in each of the years requested:

2019 - £21,664
2020 – no income received.
2021 - £6,716
2022 - £1,005 (up to August)

2. The patients who were ineligible for NHS treatment were Overseas Patients.

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 **443-22** 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.