

## Freedom of Information request 460-22

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### Request

1. Details of which patients are eligible to receive an annual shingles vaccination.
2. Details of whether eligible patients must be invited to receive the vaccination or whether they can apply to receive it themselves.
3. The proportion of eligible patients who received a shingles vaccination in each of the past five years.
4. The total number of eligible patients who received a shingles vaccination in each of the past five years.

### Response

1. People in the Scottish Borders aged 70 years – 79 years are eligible to receive an annual Shingles vaccination through NHS Borders
2. Those eligible to receive the vaccination are invited by a letter from NHS Borders.
3. and 4.

Year	%age eligible patients who received vaccination	Number of eligible patients who received vaccination
2018	Data not held*	Data not held*
2019	Data not held*	Data not held*
2020	0**	0**
2021	0**	0**
Jan - Aug 2022	37	2481

\* This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Therefore, please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible from Public Health Scotland (email: [phs.foi@phs.scot](mailto:phs.foi@phs.scot)).

\*\* Please note that NHS Borders did not carry out any Shingles vaccinations in 2020 or 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 **460-22** 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.