

Freedom of Information request 480-22

Request

1. How much funding did the health board request from the Scottish Government allocation for the treatment of long covid
2. How much funding did the health board receive from the Scottish Government for treatment of long covid in this financial year.
3. What treatments does the health board offer to patients presenting with symptoms of long covid
4. How many clinical staff are involved in the treatment of long covid, broken down by consultants, nurses and AHPs.
5. How many patients with long covid is the health board currently treating.

Response

1. Requests for Long Covid treatment funding were not accepted by Scottish Government, the amounts allocated were determined by a calculation made by the NHS Scotland Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC).
2. NHS Borders initially received circa £60K for the first year of funding, but there has been national agreement to top-slice this to allow for a national approach to digital aspects of the pathway.
3. NHS Borders offers treatment based around rehabilitation to patients presenting with symptoms of long covid. Current funding is for Clinical Psychology for patients hospitalised by Covid.
4. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, Respiratory Consultant, Respiratory Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapists and Clinical Psychologist have been involved to date. It is likely that Speech and Language therapists and Dieticians have also provided input.
5. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **480-22** 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

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