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## Freedom of Information request 496-22

## Request

Under the Freedom of information I would like to request the following information for a period of April 21 to April 22 and May 22 to date.

Borders General Hospital Breast Cancer Timescales for:

- 1. Diagnosis to initial specialist appointment
- 2. Specialist Apt to surgery
- 3. Surgery to treatment

## Response

1. The NHS Borders timescales for Breast Cancer diagnosis to initial specialist appointment are:

	Number of Days		
	Minimum	Maximum	Average
01.04.22 - 30.04.22	0	48	19
01.05.22 - 18.10.22	2	35	16

2. The NHS Borders timescales for specialist appointment to surgery are:

	Number of Days		
	Minimum	Maximum	Average
01.04.22 - 30.04.22	2	84	21
01.05.22 - 18.10.22	5	83	28

3. The NHS Borders timescale from surgery to radiotherapy or Systemic Anti-Cancer therapy is 6-8 weeks.

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 <a href="mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk">foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk</a>.

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 **496-22** 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, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.