

## Freedom of Information request 515-22

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### Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For each week since the start of 2019:

- 1.The number of in-patients boarded in non-inpatient areas and the average (mean and median) and maximum length of time spent there by individual patients.
- 2.The percentage and number of patients boarded in beds in specialities other than the one by which they are being treated.

If possible could I please have the data broken down by hospital within the health board.

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act I understand that I can specify the format that the response takes. Please therefore provide the details in an excel spreadsheet.

### Response

Please find attached the NHS Borders response data:



FOI 515-22 Response  
Data.xlsx

Please note:

Question 1 response data based on minutes from arrival to and discharge to ward from the Emergency Department.

Question 2 response data figures are taken as a daily snapshot at 11am from the live system and therefore do not capture a true picture of boarding patients during this period. Figures from Week 12 2020 to Week 41 2020 are not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Due to variations in Ward use during Covid.

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 **515-22** 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.