

Freedom of Information request 535-22

Request

1. How many people are currently waiting to be registered at a GP practice In this health board? This would be individuals who have submitted a form but have not yet been registered at a practice in this health board. Please provide the most up to date figure but also a snapshot of previous years e.g 18 October 2022, 18 October 2021, 18 October 2020, provide this up to the year 2007 if possible.
2. How many people have been 'turned away' from appointments. This would be any occasion when a GP practice is unable to offer a patient any appointments. Please provide this for each financial year since 2007/08.
3. What is the total headcount of GPs in this health board? Please provide this figure for each year since 2007/08.

Response

1. All GP Practices in the Scottish Borders are independent contractors and not managed by NHS Borders. This information can be accessed by contacting the GP Practices directly, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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3. The table below shows the number of GP's registered on the Borders Performance List as at 1 April of each year:

2011 / 2012	2012 / 2013	2013 / 2014	2014 / 2015	2015 / 2016	2016 / 2017	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023
169	154	151	143	153	148	No data available	No data available	150	142	151	148

Please note NHS Borders do not have data prior to 2011 or, as noted above, for 2017/18 and 2018/19, therefore, 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 **535-22** 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.