

Freedom of Information request 551-22

Request

Q1. What is the average wait time for patients who require a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam, broken down by year from 2018 to the current date including the most up to date 2022 figure?

Q2. What is the average wait time for patients who require a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam where there is a suspicion of cancer/marked as urgent, broken down by year from 2018 to the current date including the most up to date 2022 figure?

Q3. What is the longest wait time recorded for a patient who required a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam, broken down by year from 2018 to the current date including the most up to date 2022 figure? Please exclude those which were a result of the patient rearranging.

I am aware that there are different waiting times for colposcopy following a routine cervical screening exam dependent on whether it is deemed urgent or not, and I hope that is reflected in the difference between the first and second question.

Response

Q1 – Q3 This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

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 **551-22** 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.