

## Freedom of Information request 559-22

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### Request

- How many clinical incidents triggered Significant Adverse Event Reviews in each quarter in
  - 2019
  - 2020
  - 2021
  - 2022
- Copies of Significant Adverse Event reviews that were concluded in 2021 and 2022.
- The number of Significant Adverse Event reviews that have been commissioned but have not yet concluded.
















### Response

- Within NHS Borders, the numbers of clinical incidents triggered Significant Adverse Event Reviews are:

		2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Q1</b>	<b>Jan - Mar</b>	<5	<5	5	<5
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Apr - Jun</b>	<5	<5	<5	7
<b>Q3</b>	<b>Jul - Sep</b>	<5	6	<5	<5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>Oct - Dec</b>	<5	<5	<5	<5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld under Section 38 of FOI(S)A 2002 to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

- Please find attached the redacted copies of the Significant Adverse Event Reviews reports for reviews concluded in 2021 and 2022 (to date):

 Document 1 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 2 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 3 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 4 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 5 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 6 - Redacted.pdf
 Document 7 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 8 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 9 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 10 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 11 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 12 - Redacted.pdf
 Document 13 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 14 - Redacted.pdf	 Document 15 - Redacted.pdf			

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of incidents is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol.

3. NHS Borders has 14 Significant Adverse Event Reviews that have been commissioned but have not yet concluded.

This data has been collated for the whole of NHS Borders for Level 1, Category 1 Significant Adverse Event Reviews, definition by Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) below:

Major/Extreme events that may have contributed to or resulted in permanent harm, for example death, intervention required to sustain life, severe financial loss (> £1 million), ongoing national adverse publicity.

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 **559-22** 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.