

Freedom of Information request 595-22

Request

1. For patients who were not treated within the 12 weeks treatment time guarantee introduced by the Scottish Government, how many cumulative days over the 12 weeks period were they waiting? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.
2. What is the longest someone has had to wait for an inpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.
3. What is the longest someone has had to wait for an outpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.

Response

Please note: The current NHS Borders Waiting Times Database only records information from 2018 onwards. The original Waiting Times database is no longer accessible, therefore the data prior to 2018 is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please find below the data held from 2018 to current, earlier information may be available from Public Health Scotland.

1. Please find below the number of cumulative days for patients not treated within the 12 weeks guarantee:

	Total cumulative days
2018	37206
2019	29366
2020	66673
2021	168999
2022	344262

2. The longest someone has had to wait for an inpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee is:

Year	Days
2018	303
2019	378
2020	405
2021	747
2022	1135

3. The longest someone has had to wait for an outpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee is:

Year	Days
2018	260
2019	405
2020	595
2021	736
2022	939

Important Note: The waiting times data provided may include significant periods of time for which patients were unavailable to receive treatment

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 **595-22** 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.