

Freedom of Information request 623-22

Request

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of patients who have died in hospitals within 5 days of being admitted in the last five financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23- current year so far)

Please provide the total for each year and – only if possible – a breakdown by hospital in each year.

Response

1. Please find below the numbers of patients who have died in NHS Borders hospitals within 5 days of being admitted:

	Borders General Hospital	Community Hospitals	Total
2018/19	229	33	262
2019/20	202	36	238
2020/21	225	37	262
2021/22	214	28	242
2022/23 to date	135	19	154

Please note, there are four Community Hospitals in NHS Borders and to provide the data individually would result in some totals of <5 therefore we have combined the figures for Community Hospitals. 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](#).

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 **623-22** 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.