

## Freedom of Information request 631-22

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### Request

1. The average waiting time for patients referred for Colposcopy procedure in NHS Borders in
  - a. The past 12 months and
  - b. The past 6 months?
2. The longest time a patient has waited for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Borders
  - a. The past 12 months and
  - b. The past 6 months?
3. How many patients have waited more than 18 weeks for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Borders in
  - a. The past 12 months and
  - b. The past 6 months.
4. How many patients in the past 12 months have had a Colposcopy procedure carried out in 18 weeks or less from the date of referral?
5. How many patients in the past 12 months have waited more than 18 weeks to have a Colposcopy procedure carried out from the date of referral?
6. In the past 12 months have waiting times for Colposcopy procedure decreased from the preceding 12 months or have patients been the subject of increasing wait times?

### Response

1. The average waiting times for patients referred for Colposcopy procedure in NHS Borders are:
  - a. 22 days in the past 12 months.
  - b. 17 days in the past 6 months.
2. The longest times a patient has waited for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Borders are:
  - a. 84 days in the past 12 months.
  - b. 38 days in the past 6 months.
3. The numbers of patients who have waited more than 18 weeks for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Borders are:
  - a. 0 in the past 12 months.
  - b. 0 in the past 6 months.
4. There have been 162 patients who, in the past 12 months, have had a Colposcopy procedure carried out in 18 weeks or less from the date of referral.
5. There have been no patients, in the past 12 months, who have waited more than 18 weeks to have a Colposcopy procedure carried out from the date of referral.
6. The average waiting time for a Colposcopy procedure at NHS Borders has decreased to 22 days compared to the preceding 12 months when the average waiting time was 30 days.

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 **631-22** 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.