

Freedom of Information request 635-22

Request

1. To ask the health board the average wait times for clinicians to receive reports from radiologists following a) an MRI and b) a CT scan concerning treatment of cancer?
2. To ask the health board the longest wait times for clinicians to receive reports from radiologists following a) an MRI and b) a CT scan concerning treatment of cancer?
3. To ask the health board the average wait times for clinicians to receive reports from radiologists following a) an MRI and b) a CT scan concerning diagnosis of cancer?
4. To ask the health board the longest wait times for clinicians to receive reports from radiologists following a) an MRI and b) a CT scan concerning diagnosis of cancer?

Please provide data for the time period 2018/19 until 2022/23 broken down by quarter.

Response

It is not possible to ascertain waiting times for MRI and CT Scans for cancer treatment or diagnosis to reporting by radiologists from the Radiology Information System. Data would only be available from individual patient notes. There are 6,000 MRIs and 14,000 CT Scans performed a year so it would not be possible to check this volume of notes to ascertain the information for this request. Therefore under Section 12 Cost of Compliance we are unable to provide the data requested.

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 **635-22** 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.