

Freedom of Information request 658-22

Request

Please can you provide me with:

1. The total number of total hip replacement (THR) surgeries over the past 5 years by year and by health board.
2. The total fully inclusive cost of these surgeries by health board by year over 5 years.
3. The total cost of prosthetic devices used for these surgeries by health board by year over 5 years.

Response

1. The total numbers of Hip Replacement (THR) surgeries carried out by NHS Borders are:

2017/18	159
2018/19	219
2019/20	204
2020/21	48
2021/22	121
Total	751

2. The fully inclusive cost of these surgeries are:

	Total Hip Replacement costed at Specialty Cost
2017/18	£ 495,921
2018/19	£ 792,561
2019/20	£ 757,248
2020/21	Due to Covid, costs were only collated at high level, so no specialty costs are available, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2021/22	Scottish Health Service Costs have not yet been finalised, so the specialty costs are not yet available, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

3. NHS Borders is unable to determine the total annual cost of prosthetic devices used for the surgeries in Question 1 as the costs are not held in the system in a manner that would enable the devices to be specifically identified, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, data on the framework shows that in 2018 207 Total Hips were purchased in 2018 and the framework cost in 2018 was £511.60 – this would represent a total cost of £105,901.20. The current framework cost per Total Hip is £545. Under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the volume and price figures of prosthetic devices may be available from National Procurement.

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 **658-22** 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.