

Freedom of Information request 671-22

Request

1. How many hospital wards in hospitals in this health board have been designated a 'red' risk rating in 2022, in regard to infection control? Please break this down by hospital. For clarity, see a definition of a red risk ward here. [link](#)
2. How many patients are there in these wards?

Clarification Q2:

At the date of the request.

3. What is the longest period of time a ward has been designated red?

Response

1. There have been 6 wards in NHS Borders that have been designated a "red" risk rating in regard to infection control in 2022. These were all in the Borders General Hospital.
2. The numbers of patients on these wards on 2 December 2022 were:

Ward 7	24
Medical Assessment Unit	37
DME 14	30
Ward 9	24
Borders Stroke Unit	14
Ward 4	29

3. The longest period that a ward has been designated red was one day.

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 **671-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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