

Freedom of Information request 711-22

Request

1. How many homeless applications were made to the local authority in each year 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2018, 2011 and 2012. How many adults and children were affected in those applications.
 2. How many of those applications in each year were assessed and accepted as homeless.
 3. How many in each year above were rejected and what were the reasons?
 - 3a How many of those in each year were rejected because it was considered they were "intentionally homeless".
 - 3b How many of those in each year were rejected because they do not have a local connection? And when did the 'local connection' condition if it exists get brought in.
 4. How many in each year were housed in temporary accommodation.
 5. What was the average waiting times for such accommodation in each year.
 6. What was the longest waiting time in each year.
 7. What was the longest current outstanding wait time.
 8. How many were taken off the waiting lists in each year and why?
 - 8a. How many people were taken off wait lists for temporary accommodation due to death?
 9. What is the average stay and the longest stay within temporary accommodation.
- Social housing
10. How many people, including children, were on your waiting list for social housing as of December 1 this year, and on each December 1 in 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2011, and 2012? Feel free to use another date as a snapshot reference point if it is easier.
 11. How many in each year were children?
 12. How many in each year 2022, 2021, 2020, 2018, 2018, 2011 and 2012 were offered homes?
 13. How many of those were rejected for inclusion on the waiting list for each year and what were the reasons.
 14. How many were taken off the waiting lists in each year.
 - 14a. How many of those were taken off waiting lists due to death in each year?
 15. What is the average waiting time in each year?
 16. How many have waited over five years to be housed in each year.
 17. What is the longest current outstanding waiting time for any individual and why did it take so long?

18. How many have been rejected for social housing in each of the above years.

19. Do you impose a ban on people applying who do not have a local connection? If so, when was that ban introduced and how many people have been rejected on those grounds in all the years mentioned above.

20. How many have been rejected because they are considered "intentionally homeless" in all the years mentioned above.

Response

NHS Borders is not responsible for social housing and homelessness, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please find a link to Scottish Borders Council: [Making an information request | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/making-an-information-request) .

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 **711-22** 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.