

## Freedom of Information request 717-22

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### Request

1. The number of patients who have developed an infection during their status as a delayed discharge patient. Please provide a breakdown by financial year for the last five years. (If the data has not been recorded for the last five years, then please still include the maximum amount of years or time that it has been).
  - Please also specify how long each patient had been on delayed discharge.
2. The number of patients who have died as a result of infection during their status as a delayed discharge patient. Please provide a breakdown by financial year for the last five years. (If the data has not been recorded for the last five years, then please still include the maximum amount of years or time that it has been).
  - Please also specify how long each patient had been on delayed discharge.

### Response

NHS Borders does not routinely collect outcome data in relation to infections developed during a patient's status as a delayed discharge. This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please note National Records of Scotland (NRS) publishes death data relating to MRSA and C.diff in hospitals which may be of interest. However, this data does not clarify if infections were contracted during a period of delayed discharge.:-

[Clostridium Difficile \(C.diff\) Deaths | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](#)  
[MRSA Deaths | National Records of Scotland \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](#)

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 **717-22** 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.