

Freedom of Information request 723-22

Request

It relates to waiting times for the removal and replacement of Long Acting Reversible Contraception.

1. To ask what the average waiting time was for patients seeking the removal and/or replacement of Long Acting Reversible Contraception (including implant, IUD and IUS) in the past five years. Could this be broken down by i) year and ii) type of Long Acting Reversible Contraception.
2. In addition, if the information is available, to ask how many people are currently on waiting lists for the removal and/or replacement of LARC in your health board area, broken down by type of LARC, and the timescale they have been waiting.

Response

1. Please find below the average waiting time was for patients seeking the removal and/or replacement of Long Acting Reversible Contraception (including implant, IUD and IUS) in the past five years broken down by i) year and ii) type of Long Acting Reversible Contraception:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Implant removal or replacement	1-2 weeks	1-2 weeks	1-2 weeks 1-12 weeks (during Covid lockdown)	1-2 weeks	1-2 weeks
IUS/IUD removal or replacement	1-4 weeks	1-4 weeks	1-2 weeks 1-12 weeks (during Covid lockdown)	1-4 weeks	1-4 weeks

2. We do not have any patients currently waiting.

Borders Sexual Health do not and have never had a waiting list apart from COVID lockdown in 2020. Patients ring for an appointment, have a phone consultation with a Nurse Specialist within 48 hours and generally have an appointment booked within the next 4 weeks, depending on patient availability.

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 **723-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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