

Freedom of Information request 13-23

Request

I would like to know how long it may take to get hip replacement surgery at Borders General Hospital.

1. How long will it take for me to see an orthopaedic surgeon after referral by my GP?
2. How long will I then need to wait for hip replacement surgery?

Response

The length of time a patient may have to wait for hip replacement surgery will vary depending on factors such as clinical urgency, therefore it is not possible to give a definitive time scale. Further, due to Covid, there was significant impact on all appointments and surgeries which continues to affect waiting times. This means that the information is relevant at this time but is likely to change.

1. There are currently 239 patients on the list for an outpatient appointment regarding hip issues - an average of 7 patients are seen each week. The current waiting times are:
 - 25% are waiting less than 8 weeks,
 - 50% are waiting 14 weeks or less and
 - 25% are waiting 21 weeks or over

For those patients seen in the last 3 months:

- 25% were seen in 18 weeks or less
- 50% were seen in 29 weeks or less
- 25% were seen in over 30 weeks

2. There are currently 208 patients on the list for hip replacement surgery - an average of 2 patients are seen each week. The current waiting times are:
 - 25% are waiting less than 13 weeks,
 - 50% are waiting 32 weeks or less and
 - 25% are waiting 50 weeks or over

For those patients seen in the last 3 months:

- 25% were seen in 27 weeks or less
- 50% were seen in 56 weeks or less
- 25% were seen in over 83 weeks

Please note that surgery may take place at Borders General Hospital or as an NHS Borders patient at a hospital in a different trust e.g., Golden Jubilee.

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 **13-23** 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.