

Freedom of Information request 56-23

Request

1. How many people were waiting to access pulmonary rehabilitation each month from January 2019 to December 2022.
2. What the average waiting time per patient accessing pulmonary rehabilitation is.
3. What is the longest waiting time for a patient accessing pulmonary rehabilitation for each quarter since 2019.
4. How many vacancies there are for staff working in pulmonary rehabilitation, broken down by grade and band.

Response

1. NHS Borders does not digitally record information relating to pulmonary rehabilitation, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
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4. NHS Borders has the following vacancies for staff working in pulmonary rehabilitation:
 - 1.0WTE Band 7 Physiotherapist
 - 0.5WTE Band 6 Occupational Therapist
 - 0.8WTE Band 4 Healthcare Support Worker

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 **56-23** 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.