

## Freedom of Information request 61-23

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### Request

Please note this is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide copies of the following guidelines in use over the period 2 - 22 July 2019:

1. Local Authority Hospital guidelines - Summary of VTE prophylaxis for patients admitted to the orthopaedic service
2. Local Authority Hospital guidelines - Venous thromboembolism in over 16s
3. Local Authority Hospital guidelines - Prevention and management of venous thromboembolism – a national clinical guide

### Response

1. Please find attached the NHS Borders guidelines for patients admitted to Orthopaedics:



VTE extended  
prophylaxis in Ortho C



VTE prophylaxis with  
Apixaban-orthopaedic

2. Please find attached the NHS Borders guidelines for Venous Thromboembolism in over 16s:



VTE prophylaxis  
surgery-urology Sept



EXTENDED VENOUS  
THROMBOEMBOLISM

3. In 2019 VTE guidance was mainly from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) and/or Lothian Guidance. NHS Borders would not have copies of National Guidance, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

Please note: The attached documents have been redacted to remove identifiable information (staff names) under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#)

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 **61-23** 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.