

## Freedom of Information request 64-23

### Request

1. As of the date of this request (25 January 2023), how many people are waiting for the following scans in this health board :
  - a. X-ray
  - b. CT
  - c. MRI
  - d. Capsule CT
  - e. Radio isotope studies
2. In relation to question 1, how many of these scans are in relation to suspicion of cancer?
3. In relation to question 1, how was the individual in question referred for this scan? E.g. GP referral, hospital admission etc
4. In relation to Question 2, excluding pre-planned and scheduled scans in future years, what is the longest recorded period of time a patient has been waiting for a scan relating to suspicion of cancer?
5. In relation to Question 2, excluding pre-planned and scheduled scans in future years, what is the median period of time a patient has been waiting for a scan relating to suspicion of cancer?

### Response

Please find below the information for NHS Borders:

Question		X-ray	CT	MRI	Capsule CT	Radio Isotope Studies
1	<b>How many people are waiting for scans?</b>	78	434 Routine 228 Urgent 662 Total	444 Routine 129 Urgent 573 Total	NHS Borders does not offer this service	44 Routine 14 Urgent 58 Total
2	<b>How many of the scans are in relation to suspicion of Cancer?</b>	Not recorded separately, however, it is likely suspicion of Cancer would fall within the urgent figures *				
3	<b>How was the individual referred for the scan?</b>	Other GP 78 Open access for Outpatients , Inpatients and GP chest imaging /trauma	GP 199 Outpatient 463 Open access to Inpatients and ED	GP 154 Outpatient 419 Open access for Inpatients	N/A	Outpatient 58

4	<b>What is the longest recorded period of time a patient has been waiting for a scan relating to suspicion of cancer?</b>	7 days (for Urgent GP)	16 days (for Urgent)	11 days (for Urgent)	N/A	2 weeks (for Urgent)
5	<b>What is the median period of time a patient has been waiting for a scan relating to suspicion of cancer?</b>	7 days (for Urgent GP)	16 days (for Urgent)	11 days (for Urgent)	N/A	1 week

\* Please Note: 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.

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 **64-23** 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.