

Freedom of Information request 98-23

Request

1. What was the longest wait recorded in an A&E department in a hospital in this health board in the week ending 1 January 2023?
 - For this wait please provide an explanation, if possible, for why the patient waited so long.
2. What was the longest A&E triage time in this health board in the week ending 1 January 2023?
 - For this wait please provide an explanation, if possible, for why the patient waited so long.

Response

1. The longest wait recorded in the Borders General Hospital A&E Department in the week ending 1 January 2023 was 47 hours and 16 minutes. The patient was seen, investigations and treatment started and was booked for admission within 2 hours. A bed was not available for a further 45 hours and the patient was cared for on a bed in our A&E for the duration their extended delay.
2. The longest triage time recorded in the week ending 1 January 2023 was 1 hour and 33 minutes. This patient was expected but arrived at a particularly busy time and did not come to any harm from this delay.

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 **98-23** 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.