

## Freedom of Information request 105-23

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### Request

1. The number of patients who have been implanted with surgical mesh to treat hernias across NHS Borders hospitals from 1st January 2015.
2. The number of patients who have returned to NHS Borders hospitals due to complications arising from surgical mesh implanted to treat hernias from 1st January 2015.
3. The number of patients who have submitted complaints to NHS Borders hospitals regarding complications or issues arising from surgical mesh implanted to treat hernias from 1st January 2015.

### Response

1. Since 1 January 2015, there have been 1502 NHS Borders patients implanted with surgical mesh to treat hernias.
2. 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 above 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.
3. There have been no recorded complaints submitted to NHS Borders regarding complications or issues arising from surgical mesh implanted to treat hernias from 1st January 2015.

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 **105-23** 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.