

## Freedom of Information request 137-23

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### Request

1. How many people vape in the Borders?
2. How many underage people vape in the Borders?
3. Are there any deaths caused, influenced, or triggered by vaping?
4. If yes, what are the statistics in the Borders?
5. How many people had lung injuries due to vaping in the Borders?
6. Did any of these people have irreversible injuries? How many?
7. Did any of these people die? How many?

### Clarification

Can you identify what date range you would like to be included – for instance 2021 and 2022 or last 6 full months?

Since 2021, please.

### Response

1. NHS Borders does not record this information, therefore, This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. NHS Borders does not record this information, therefore, This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
3. NHS Borders have no record of a patient being diagnosed with a vaping related disorder, therefore there are no deaths recorded since January 2021 directly related to vaping.
4. N/A
5. NHS Borders have no record of a patient being diagnosed with a vaping related disorder, therefore there are no lung injuries recorded since January 2021 directly related to vaping.
6. N/A
7. N/A

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 **137-23** 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.