

## Freedom of Information request 179-23

### Request

I would like to request the following information through foi legislation:

1. How many hospital beds there have been under the health board per year in the last five financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23)

Please provide, within the yearly breakdown, breakdown by type of bed.

Please separately also provide a breakdown by hospital/facility in each year.

### Clarification

What is your definition of "type of bed"? e.g. make and model, speciality the bed is allocated to, e.t.c.

**"speciality the bed is allocated to"**

### Response

Please find below the hospital bed information for NHS Borders:

Hospital / Unit	Specialty	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Borders General Hospital	Anaesthetics	9	14	10	8	8
Borders General Hospital	Elderly Medicine	59	17	30	30	54
Borders General Hospital	General Medicine	99	112	116	120	92
Borders General Hospital	General Surgery	25	12	22	31	26
Borders General Hospital	Gynaecology	2	0	2	1	1
Borders General Hospital	Medical Paediatrics	10	5	7	9	9
Borders General Hospital	Obstetrics	22	14	14	14	14
Borders General Hospital	Orthopaedics	30	18	24	32	32
Borders General Hospital	Palliative Medicine	8	8	6	8	8
Borders General Hospital	SCBU	8	8	8	8	8
Borders General Hospital	Urology	2	0	2	2	2
Borders General Hospital	Ophthalmology	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>276</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>255</b>
East Brigg	General Psychiatry	12	12	12	12	12
Huntlyburn	General Psychiatry	19	19	19	19	19
Borders Specialist Dementia Unit	Psychiatry of Old Age	12	12	12	12	12
Lindean, BGH	Psychiatry of Old Age	6	6	6	6	6
Cauldshiels, BGH	Psychiatry of Old Age	14	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>

Hawick Hospital	GP - General	23	23	23	23	23
Haylodge Hospital	GP - General	23	23	23	23	23
Kelso Hospital	GP - General	23	23	23	23	23
Knoll Hospital	GP - General	23	23	23	23	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>95</b>
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<b>Total</b>		<b>431</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>399</b>

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 **179-23** 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.