

Freedom of Information request 180-23

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information in relation to the provision of NHS antenatal classes.

I would like to request the following information:

- a list of all NHS antenatal classes provided by the health board, including their location.
- the number of people attending these antenatal classes.
- a breakdown of which classes were available as virtual (online) classes, and which were available as face-to-face classes.

I request this data presented as a monthly breakdown for each month since January 2016 (Jan 2016 - Jan 2023 inclusive).

Response

Please see below, the information for NHS Borders antenatal classes:

	a) Antenatal Classes		b) Number of Attendees		c) Type of class		
	Face to Face	Online	Face to Face	Online	Face to Face	Online	
2016	NHS Borders does not have electronically recorded data for the years 2016 to 2019, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.						
2017							
2018							
2019							
2020		Solihull		These are antenatal education online classes available to all women in Scotland and provided by Solihull - the information is given at their 25-	No	Yes	
2021		Solihull			No	Yes	
2022	January	No in person antenatal classes held	Solihull	No in person antenatal classes held		No	Yes
	February		Solihull			No	Yes
	March		Solihull			No	Yes
	April		Solihull			No	Yes
	May		Solihull			No	Yes
	June	Solihull	No	Yes			

	July		Solihull		week appointment. Attendance is not recorded by NHS Borders, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.	No	Yes
	August		Solihull			No	Yes
	September		Solihull			No	Yes
	October		Solihull			No	Yes
	November	Hawick & Eyemouth	Solihull	0		Yes	Yes
	December	Hawick & Eyemouth	Solihull	0		Yes	Yes
2023	January	Hawick	Solihull	<5		Yes	Yes
	February	Hawick	Solihull	5		Yes	Yes
	March	Hawick	Solihull	<5		Yes	Yes

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **180-23** 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.