

## Freedom of Information request 211-23

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### Request

1. The number of cancer surgeries that have been cancelled in the last five financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/2022, 2022/23).
2. The number of cancer surgeries that have been postponed in the last five financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/2022, 2022/23).

Please provide a breakdown by financial year, reflecting how many per year were cancelled or postponed.

If possible, next to each postponed/cancelled surgery please confirm if they have since gone ahead and been completed.

### Response

NHS Borders do not record surgery cancellations by type within our electronic systems, therefore we would be unable to extract cancelled or postponed cancer surgery. This data may be held in a patient's medical record but to extract this information would require a manual trawl of all 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.

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 **211-23** 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.