

Freedom of Information request 220-23

Request

Please provide a full count of any and all deaths within The Borders General Hospital of the NHS Trust on the 5th of October 2022 along with the cause of death of each patient as well as any adverse incidences or complaints against the trust or its staff registered in regards such deceased patients, finally please state how many DNR orders were issued in regards each of the deceased.

Please provide the count as in number of deaths corresponded to cause of death as well as any relevant adverse incidents or complaints in respect of each deceased person and the trust along with a DNR order status.

So, for example, please give information as or similar too:

On 2/8/2022, number of deaths 1, patient cause of death COVID-19, complaint of poor service raised by deceased or deceased's representatives prior to death, DNRO given.

If possible, within a table format.

Response

There were <5 deaths recorded within the Borders General Hospital on 5 October 2022.

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of deaths per day is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also 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 **220-23** 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.