

Freedom of Information request 229-23

Request

Information on the number of patients discharged from hospital who were readmitted within 30 days, broken down by financial year (18/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22, 22/23 year to date). If possible, please break this down by reason for readmission.

Response

The number of patients discharged from hospital who were readmitted within 28 days is:

BY READMISSION SPECIALTY	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (to Feb)
Anaesthetics	0	0	0	<5	0
Cardiology	52	52	35	40	32
Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	8	<5	<5	<5	<5
Endocrinology	0	0	0	0	0
Endocrinology & Diabetes	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Gastroenterology	<5	<5	7	7	21
General Medicine	881	837	658	563	1045
General Surgery (excl Vascular, Maxillofacial)	230	244	229	173	206
Geriatric Medicine	207	316	158	180	189
Gynaecology	96	44	50	46	73
Haematology	23	34	20	25	32
Neurology	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Not Recorded	5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Ophthalmology	0	0	0	0	0
Oral Surgery	0	0	0	0	0
Paediatric Dentistry	0	0	0	0	0
Paediatrics	244	177	104	162	156
Palliative Medicine	85	59	56	72	58
Respiratory Medicine	0	0	<5	<5	22
Restorative Dentistry	0	0	0	0	0

Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery	112	119	65	60	75
Urology	46	48	26	36	14
Total	1989	1930	1408	1364	1923

Please note – NHS Borders records the readmissions data for 28 days as this is the national standard for reporting. The information is not held for readmissions within 30 days, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **229-23** 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.