

Freedom of Information request 240-23

Request

1. Please can you provide figures for each of the last 5 years i.e. 2018-2022 regarding:
 - Total live births
 - Total still births
 - Total neonatal deaths to 28 days
 - Total preterm births (<37 weeks)
 - Total maternal deaths
 - Total maternal collapses / cardiac arrests
 - Total postpartum haemorrhage >1.5l
 - Total number of early pregnancy losses (miscarriages / ectopics)
 - Attendance numbers for early pregnancy clinics

2. For 2021 & 2022 could you please provide all of the above data by COVID-19 vaccination status (0/1/2/3/4 doses) or state if you do not record vaccination status

Response

1. The numbers of NHS Borders patients for each of the requested categories are:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total live births	976	926	853	882	838
Total still births	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Total neonatal deaths to 28 days	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Total preterm births (<37 weeks)	64	77	52	64	67
Total maternal deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Total maternal collapses / cardiac arrests	0	0	0	0	0
Total postpartum haemorrhage >1.5l	39	49	49	58	43
Total number of early pregnancy losses (miscarriages / ectopics)	72	48	32	48	59
Attendance numbers for early pregnancy clinics(booked pre 13 weeks)	925	891	867	855	852

2. NHS Borders does not typically record the COVID-19 vaccination status on the maternity application, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Under Section 15, Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, the information below shows the vaccination status at the time of birth for patients who received a vaccination during pregnancy:

	First vaccination	Second vaccination	Both vaccinations
2021	<5	<5	<5
2022	47	44	34

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 **240-23** 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.