

Freedom of Information request 267-23

Request

Please provide the following information:

1. The total number of operations that have been cancelled due to staff shortages or the absence of appropriate staff in the financial year 2022/23

Clarification: I have previously asked this request however the data I received only went up to the December 2022, therefore I am now asking it again for the updated data.

If possible, please provide a breakdown in each instance of which staff member by role was unavailable

Response

The table below summarises the number of theatre cancellations due to staff shortages or the absence of appropriate staff in 2022/23:

Cancellation Reason	2022/23
Surgeon - Sick Leave	8
Surgeon - Not Available	1
Anaesthetist - Sick Leave	3
Anaesthetist - Not Available	2
Nursing Staff - Sick Leave	25
Nursing Staff - Skill Mix	3
Nursing Staff - Not Available	9

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 **267-23** 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.

