

Freedom of Information request 270-23

Request

The number of patients who have died while on an NHS waiting list and therefore have been removed from that list due to their death or status as being deceased.

I would like this complete data broken down in last six calendar years (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022).

Given each year I'm asking for has been and gone I'm expecting the full data for each year.

Response

The number of patients who have died while on an NHS Borders waiting list and therefore have been removed from that list due to their death or status as being deceased is:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Inpatient Wait List	22	30	25	41	35	153
Outpatient Wait List	118	144	208	295	320	1085
Total	140	174	233	336	355	1238

Please note, the NHS Borders new waiting list database only records data from 01/01/2018 onwards, therefore, the information for 2017 is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **270-23** 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.