

Freedom of Information request 274-23

Request

I am looking for information regarding the arrangements in your health board for providing antivirals and prophylaxis to patients previously classed as on the Highest Risk list (see End of the Highest Risk List - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)).

As such, can I request the following, broken down by the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 (most recent):

1. What are the policy guidelines/arrangements in your Health Board for providing antivirals or prophylaxis to patients with a COVID-19 infection?
2. How many people with a COVID-19 infection have been prescribed a) antivirals or b) prophylaxis?
3. How many people with a COVID-19 infection have been prescribed Molnupiravir a) within 5 days of Covid symptoms or b) after 5 days?

Clarification

Regarding Question 2, NHS Borders do not record prescription data based on a diagnosis, only on the medications prescribed, therefore, please can you identify the specific drugs you would like this information for?

Can I request information on both Remdesevir and Molnupiravir.

Response

1. Please find attached the policy guidelines followed by NHS Borders for providing antivirals or prophylaxis to patients with a COVID-19 infection:



COVID Therapeutics
Use in Scotland - PHS

2. & 3. The NHS Borders protocol was only to give antivirals within 5 days of Covid symptoms, therefore prophylactic antivirals were not prescribed. The number of patients prescribed antivirals is:

	2021	2022	2023
Sotrovimab	<5	149	0
Molnupiravir	<5	51	82
Paxlovid	0	188	32
Remdesivir	27	42	13

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 **274-23** 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.