

Freedom of Information request 317-23

Request

May I request the following information?

1. The average waiting times for an outpatient seeking joint replacement surgery (Arthroplasty) after a referral from a GP. Please provide this information for 2022-23, 2021-22, and 2020-21 and break it down by type of joint replacement surgery (knee, hip, elbow, shoulder etc.).

Response

The average waiting times for an Orthopaedic outpatient appointment within NHS Borders are:

	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
Body Section	Number of Appointments	Average Waiting Time (weeks)	Number of Appointments	Average Waiting Time (weeks)	Number of Appointments	Average Waiting Time (weeks)
Hip	343	10	368	15	341	19
Knee	426	10	612	14	600	14
Shoulder	210	9	226	10	235	10
Elbow	29	11	35	17	25	17
Foot	142	12	202	15	219	15
Hand	380	11	467	16	407	21
General	295	13	108	8	104	9
Grand Total	1825	11	2018	14	1931	16

Please note, it is not possible to show if the patient was waiting for a joint replacement surgery (Arthroplasty) as this decision is not made until the patient has been seen by a Consultant, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The data provided is for the body section recorded in the waiting list entry, where this is specified. If no part is specified, then the information is given in the "General" row.

Information provided is for completed waits for a new Orthopaedic outpatient appointment where the patient was seen in the year shown (year is Apr-Mar).

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 **317-23** 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.