

Freedom of Information request 321-23

Request

1. How many Back Clinics does your NHS Board hold per month? (e.g. 2 per calendar month)
2. How many Specialist Back Consultants does your NHS Board have in their employ? (e.g. two back specialist consultants are employed by our NHS Board)
3. How many patients are seen per Back Clinic? (e.g. one day = 8 patients)
4. How long have patients been waiting for a consultation with a Specialist Consultant? (e.g. the average patient has waited 6 months for an appointment)

Response

1. NHS Borders do not hold clinics specifically for backs. Patients are seen in mixed Orthopaedic clinics.
2. NHS Borders do not have any Specialist Back Consultants.
3. This is not applicable as NHS Borders do not hold Back Clinics.
4. This is not applicable as NHS Borders do not hold Back Clinics. Patients with a back problem are on the general Orthopaedic waiting list and are booked in turn – longest waiting patient first.

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 **321-23** 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.