

Freedom of Information request 349-23

Request

1. In this health board, what has been the average waiting time for a lung transplant in the financial year 2023/24 so far? This would include patients who are currently waiting and patients who have already been seen. Please also provide data for 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19.
2. In this health board, what has been the longest waiting time for a lung transplant in the financial year 2023/24 so far? This would include patients who are currently waiting and patients who have already been seen. Please also provide data for 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19.
3. In this health board, what has been the average waiting time for a heart transplant in the financial year 2023/24 so far? This would include patients who are currently waiting and patients who have already been seen. Please also provide data for 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19.
4. In this health board, what has been the longest waiting time for a heart transplant in the financial year 2023/24 so far? This would include patients who are currently waiting and patients who have already been seen. Please also provide data for 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20 and 2018/19.

Response

NHS Borders does not perform Lung Transplants or Heart Transplants, therefore there are no waiting times. Under Section 15, Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, National Services Scotland (NSS) may be able to assist you. For your information, this is the link to NSS: [Freedom of information | National Services Scotland \(nhs.scot\)](#)

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 **349-23** 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.