

Freedom of Information request 396-23

Request

1. What criteria is used to decide if a patient should be added to the insulin pump waiting list?
2. How many patients are currently waiting for the delivery of an insulin pump to manager their Type 1 Diabetes condition? Of this figure, how many patients are aged 8 years or under?
3. What number of patients currently use a closed-loop, continual glucose monitoring (CGM) system which is being entirely funded by NHS Borders.

Response

1. NHS Borders follow the National Scottish Government Guidelines, which was disseminated to all Boards in 2020, please find below the links to these guidelines:

Type 1 diabetes in Adults: Diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG17
www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng17

Type 1 diabetes in Children: Diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG 18
www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng18

These guidelines are used along with medical assessment of the patient and a discussion with them, to decide if a patient should be added to the insulin pump waiting list.

2. There are currently 15 patients waiting for the delivery of an insulin pump to manager their Type 1 Diabetes condition. Of these, 5 are aged 8 years or under.
3. There are 10 patients currently using a closed-loop, Continual Glucose Monitoring (CGM) system which is being entirely funded by NHS Borders.

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 **396-23** 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.

