

Freedom of Information request 420-23

Request

- a) Did your health board offer regularly scheduled antenatal classes before the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- b) How frequently were these classes available and to how many people
- c) If such classes were provided, have they recommenced in person since the relaxation of restrictions
- d) If so, how frequently are these classes available and to how many people

Response

- a) NHS Borders offered regular antenatal classes prior to the Covid pandemic.
- b) Classes were available in sets of 4 sessions, offered every 2 months. Class sizes fluctuated with average class size in smaller rural practices being only 3-5 attendees and in larger towns 8-10 attendees.
- c) Antenatal classes have recommenced over the past 6 months in most areas.
- d) The classes have been remodelled in an attempt to increase attendance and are now offered as 1 class once per month. So far attendance is averaging 3-4 people.

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 **420-23** 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.