

## Freedom of Information request 455-23

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### Request

I would be grateful if you could send me copies of all responses you have previously provided to any Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received regarding the numbers of patients treated or prescribed with immunology drugs.

The specific criteria are:

FOI requests made between Jan 2021 and Apr 2023 with any of the following criteria:

- Patients treated with any of the following classes of drugs: anti-TNF inhibitors, JAK inhibitors, biologic medicines, biosimilars
- Drug treatments for one or more of the following diseases: Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Psoriatic Arthritis, Psoriasis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ankylosing Spondylitis, Hidradenitis Suppurativa and related conditions
- Patients treated in the dermatology department
- Patients treated in the gastroenterology department
- Patients treated in the rheumatology department

If these documents are already in the public domain, I would be grateful if you could send me a link to their location.

### Response

Please find below a link to the Request & Responses Register where we publish all FOI responses including any relating to the number of patients treated or prescribed with immunology drugs:

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/freedom-of-information/request-and-responses-register/>

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](mailto: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 **455-23** 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.