

Freedom of Information request 464-23

Request

1. In this health board in each year since 2018/19, including the current year to date, how many patients have been diagnosed with cancer in this health board?
2. In relation to question 1, how many of the patients underwent chemotherapy? Please provide this data for each year since 2018/19. Including the current year to date.
3. In relation to question 1, in each year, what was the adjusted median wait for chemotherapy?
4. In relation to question 1, in each year, what was the adjusted longest wait for chemotherapy?

Response

This information is not recorded by NHS Borders in financial year, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, under Section 15 (Duty to provide advice and assistance) we have provided the most recent data held in the calendar years.

1. Please find below the newly diagnosed cancer numbers for all our patients newly diagnosed in NHS Borders:

Year of Diagnosis	Count of New Diagnosis
2018	526
2019	496
2020	477
2021	537
2022	569

Please note: Cancer sites audited are Bladder, Breast, Cervical, Colorectal, Endometrial, Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HBV), Lung, Mesothelioma, Ovarian, Prostate, Renal, Testicular, Upper Gastrointestinal.

2. The number of the patients shown in Q1 who underwent Chemotherapy is:

Year of Diagnosis	Count of Patients who Underwent Chemotherapy
2018	152
2019	111
2020	105
2021	111
2022	97

3. NHS Borders does not operate a timed waiting list for Chemotherapy – patients are recorded through a Trak repeat waiting list which does not capture a referral date, therefore, information relating to the adjusted median wait is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. NHS Borders does not operate a timed waiting list for Chemotherapy – patients are recorded through a Trak repeat waiting list which does not capture a referral date, therefore, information relating to the adjusted longest wait is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **464-23** 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.