

Freedom of Information request 517-23

Request

I am submitting a freedom of information request. I am looking for data on a specific procedure carried out by interventional radiologists. I would like:

1. The number of uterine fibroid embolisations carried out across NHS Borders services in each of the quarters:
 - Oct-Dec 2018
 - Jan-Mar 2019
 - Apr-Jun 2019
 - Oct-Dec 2022
 - Jan-Mar 2023
 - Apr-Jun 2023
2. For all people who underwent the uterine fibroid embolisation procedure across NHS Borders services, the average number of weeks they had waited for the procedure from the agreement to treat, in each of the quarters:
 - Oct-Dec 2018
 - Jan-Mar 2019
 - Apr-Jun 2019
 - Oct-Dec 2022
 - Jan-Mar 2023
 - Apr-Jun 2023

If the data is available as monthly rather than quarterly data, I would be happy to receive it in that format for the same date ranges.

Response

1. NHS Borders does not carry out Uterine Fibroid Embolisations, therefore the answer is zero for all quarters / months.
2. N/A

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 **517-23** 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.