

## Freedom of Information request 533-23

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### Request

1. Average number of patients seen at contraception clinics in this NHS Sexual Health Service each month between Jan 2019 – May 2023.  
For example: 100 patients a month in January 2019.
2. Average number of patients seen in this NHS Sexual Health Service for procedures or appointments related to Long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) each month between Jan 2019 – May 2023.  
For example: 100 patients a month in January 2019.
3. Average number of weekly clinics in this NHS Sexual Health Service that provide contraceptive advice, procedures, or appointments for months Jan 2019 – May 2023.  
For example: January 2019 – Average was 3 clinics a week.
4. Average number of weekly hours of contraception related clinics provided in this NHS Sexual Health Service for months Jan 2019 – May 2023.  
For example: January 2019 – Average of 10 hours per week.
5. Average number of weekly clinics specifically for young people provided in this NHS Sexual Health Service for months Jan 2019 - May 2023.  
For example: January 2019 – Average was 3 clinics a week.

### Response

1. NHS Borders clinics are integrated, we do not have any clinics specifically for contraception
2. The number of patients who attended the NHS Borders Sexual Health Service and had a procedure related to Long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs) is:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2019</b>	88	101	74	96	73	83	89	77	80	99	83	64
<b>2020</b>	98	74	50	<5	23	42	49	63	139	114	115	122
<b>2021</b>	49	112	125	129	121	149	112	104	128	79	130	92
<b>2022</b>	83	78	109	111	170	128	92	124	119	106	101	99
<b>2023</b>	106	115	90	118	121							

3. This information is not held for January 2019 to March 2023, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.  
There were an average of 19 Sexual Health clinics per week held from March – May 2023, which include contraception.

4. This information is not held for January 2019 to March 2023, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

There were an average of 50 hours per week of Sexual Health clinics held from March – May 2023 which include contraception.

5. NHS Borders does not have any specified clinics for young people.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **533-23** 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.