

## Freedom of Information request 557-23

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### Request

1. Between January 1st 2023 and July 1st 2023, what was the cost of transporting patients by taxi out of the health board area - to another health board area?
2. Between January 1st 2023 and July 1st 2023, how many patients were transported by taxi out of the health board area - to another health board area?

If this information could please be broken down by month.

For Note: I understand this would happen - on occasion - when repatriating a patient to another health board area. And when alternative Flow Centre transport is not available.

### Response

1. The cost of transporting patients by taxi out of the NHS Borders area - to another health board area is:

January 2023	£21,944.90
February 2023	£20,035.26
March 2023	£17,339.81
April 2023	£28,538.54
May 2023	£30,730.19
June 2023	£22,027.15
1 July 2023	No invoices received for July at time of processing FOI*

2. The number of patients transported by taxi out of the NHS Borders area - to another health board area is:

January 2023	108
February 2023	132
March 2023	95
April 2023	145
May 2023	150

June 2023	113
1 July 2023	No invoices received for July at time of processing FOI*

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 **557-23** 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.