

## Freedom of Information request 576-23

### Request

(From FOI 484-23 Response) I am writing to make a request under Freedom of Information for details of the no of patients who were treated by NHS Borders in years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 for a spinal cord injury.

I should be grateful if you would break these numbers down by category of SCI.

### Response

The number of patients treated by NHS Borders for a spinal cord injury, broken down by category, is:

Diagnosis Code	Diagnosis Description	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
S12	Fracture of neck	16	7	11
S13	Dislocation, sprain and strain of joints and ligaments at neck level	0	<5	0
S14	Injury of nerves and spinal cord at neck level	<5	<5	0
S19	Other and unspecified injuries of neck	<5	<5	0
S20	Superficial injury of thorax	6	<5	<5
S21	Open wound of thorax	0	<5	<5
S22	Fracture of rib(s), sternum and thoracic spine	35	38	54
S27	Injury of other and unspecified intrathoracic organs	7	10	<5
S29	Other and unspecified injuries of thorax	<5	<5	0
S30	Superficial injury of abdomen, lower back and pelvis	10	9	7
S31	Open wound of abdomen, lower back and pelvis	6	5	<5
S32	Fracture of lumbar spine and pelvis	28	34	51
T08	Open fracture of spine, level unspecified	0	0	<5
T09	Other injuries of spine and trunk, level unspecified	<5	<5	<5
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>133</b>

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 **576-23** 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.