

## Freedom of Information request 584-23

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### Request

Please could you provide the following information about the support provided to stroke patients in NHS Borders?

Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023;

1. How many patients received a final diagnosis of stroke? And how of these many were discharged?
2. How many patients with a final diagnosis of stroke were a ) treated as an inpatient in an integrated stroke/ rehab unit, or b) treated as an inpatient on a rehab ward?
3. Does your area provide Early Supported Discharge, and if so, how many of these patients received it?

Excluding those who received ESD,

4. How many of the above stroke patients were referred for Community Rehab?
5. Of those referred, how many accessed Community Rehab?
6. Are community rehab programmes time limited for stroke patients?
7. What is the current waiting time for accessing community rehab?

### Response

1. Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, there were 161 inpatients with a primary diagnosis of Stroke. Of these, 139 were discharged.
2. Of the patients in Question 1, 61 were treated as an inpatient in the Borders Stroke Unit.
3. NHS Borders does not provide Early Supported Discharge.
4. – 7. NHS Borders does not have a dedicated community Stroke Rehab Team, therefore, this information 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](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 **584-23** 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.