

Freedom of Information request 592-23

Request

1. The number of hysterectomies 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 hysterectomies across NHS Borders services, the average number of weeks they had waited for the surgery 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. The number of hysterectomies carried out across NHS Borders services in each of the quarters is:

Quarter	No. of procedures
Oct-Dec 2018	12
Jan-Mar 2019	12
Apr-Jun 2019	17
Oct-Dec 2022	6
Jan-Mar 2023	14
Apr-Jun 2023	15

2. The average number of weeks they had waited for the surgery from the agreement to treat, in each of the quarters:

Quarter	Average Weeks Wait
Oct-Dec 2018	8
Jan-Mar 2019	8
Apr-Jun 2019	8
Oct-Dec 2022	39
Jan-Mar 2023	33
Apr-Jun 2023	36

Please Note:

Waiting times data only reflects patients who were on a waiting list with a proposed procedure and the figures will exclude anyone who was:

- treated out with the waiting list (e.g. as an emergency)
- treated for this procedure but may have been on the waiting list for a different procedure (e.g. actual procedure was decided on the consent day)"

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.

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