

Freedom of Information request 594-23

Request

1. For the financial year 2022/23, how much funding did the health board request from the Scottish Government allocation for the treatment of long covid?
2. For the financial year 2022/23, how much funding did the health board receive from the Scottish Government for treatment of long covid in this financial year?
3. Of the received amount, how much was spent during the financial year 2022/23 and what was it spent on?
4. In total, how many people have requested treatment during this financial year?
5. Of this number, how many people received or are currently receiving treatment?
6. What treatments does the health board offer to patients presenting with symptoms of long covid?
7. How much funding is allocated for each treatment offered?
8. How many patients received each treatment?

Clarification

For questions 4 & 5 are you referring to patients requesting / receiving any treatment across NHS Borders, or only those for Long Covid?

For these questions, I am referring only to patients with Long Covid requesting/receiving treatment.

Response

1. The amount of money requested by NHS Borders from Scottish Government for the development of Long Covid pathways in 2022/23 was £59,327.
2. In 2022/23, NHS Borders received £35,509 from the Scottish Government for the development of Long Covid pathways.
3. During 2022/23 the amount of money spent by NHS Borders from the allocation noted in Q2 was £4715, which related to £3841 on salaries and £874 on supplies.
4. There are no codes for Long Covid referrals / diagnosis on the reporting systems used by NHS Borders. Referrals received from primary care are sent to specialities based on patient symptoms and not Long Covid diagnosis. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
5. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
6. NHS Borders patients are treated by relevant services for their symptoms and not for Long Covid as this cannot be recorded as a diagnosis or a reason for referral on the electronic reporting system. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
7. NHS Borders do not produce costs to diagnostic procedure level, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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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.

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 **594-23** 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.