

18 September 2023

## Freedom of Information request 638-23

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### Request

The request is for the number of people diagnosed with long term ME and CFS from foreign travel fever, tick bite lymes disease and lymphadenopathy.

With a timescale of the last 3 years.

This should include referrals to secondary support agencies for above conditions as there is not a primary care provider for this service.

### Clarification

NHS Borders is not able to provide diagnosis details, however, we may be able to provide information (where available) of persons treated for a condition. Please can you confirm if this information is appropriate for your requirements?

Yes please send these numbers, for people being treated for ME and CFS.

### Response

There were a total of 7 discharges in the period April 2020 to August 2023 for NHS Borders patients treated for ME/CFS. None of these patients had a diagnosis of Foreign Travel Fever, Tick Bite Lymes Disease and Lymphadenopathy within the same episode of care.

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 **638-23** 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.