

14 September 2023

Freedom of Information request 639-23

Request

Lip Biopsies

1. How many lip biopsies have been conducted on the NHS within your Regional Healthboard area within the last 12 month or other period for which you have data? Please indicate the period for which you are providing data.
2. How many out of area lip biopsy referrals has the NHS within your Regional Healthboard area made within the last 12 month or other period for which you have data? Please indicate the period for which you are providing data.

Neuro-ophthalmology

3. Which hospital(s) or other establishment(s) within your Healthboard area have an NHS neuro-ophthalmologist consultant providing neuro-ophthalmology services on the NHS.

Response

1. NHS Borders has not conducted any Lip Biopsies between January 2022 and June 2023.
2. NHS Borders has not made any out of area Lip Biopsy referrals between January 2022 and June 2023.
3. NHS Borders does not have an NHS Neuro-Ophthalmologist Consultant providing Neuro-Ophthalmology services on the NHS.

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 **639-23** 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.