

19 September 2023

## Freedom of Information request 644-23

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### Request

1. The number of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your health board area, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.
2. The median age in weeks of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your health board area, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.
3. The median period of time in minutes for which persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your health board area survived until death, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.
4. A list of the methods used to terminate the lives of persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) (after the failed termination (abortion)) in NHS facilities in your health board area, annualised between 2018-2023 inclusive.
5. A copy of the protocols, policies, guidance and procedures used in NHS facilities in your health board area with regard to care for persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion), applicable for 2018-2023 inclusive.
6. A copy of the protocols, policies, guidance and procedures for recording and reporting events whereby a person is born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS facilities in your health board area, applicable for 2018-2023 inclusive.

### Response

1. There have been no persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion) in NHS Borders between 2018-2023 inclusive.
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. NHS Borders does not have a specific protocols, policies, guidance or procedures with regard to care for persons born alive as a result of termination (abortion).
6. N/A

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 **644-23** 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.