

25 September 2023

Freedom of Information request 657-23

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act please advise the following:

1. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2023
2. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2022
3. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2021
4. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2020
5. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2019
6. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2018
7. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2017
8. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2016
9. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2015
10. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2014
11. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2013
12. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2012
13. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2011
14. Percentage of hospital appointments that have been outsourced to the private sector and paid for by the NHS in 2010

Response

NHS Borders have not outsourced any outpatient hospital appointments to the private sector between 2010 – 2023. Therefore the percentage is 0% for questions 1 – 14 above.

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 **657-23** 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.