

26 September 2023

Freedom of Information request 659-23

Request

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, please could I request:

- i. The number of adverse incidents caused by faulty equipment in hospitals in your board area in each year since 2018.
- ii. The number of deaths caused by faulty equipment in hospitals in your board area in each year since 2018.

Response

- i. The number of Adverse Events caused by faulty equipment in NHS Borders hospitals between 1 April 2018 - 28 August 2023 is:

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
38	31	27	26	32	17	171

- ii. There have been no deaths caused due to faulty equipment within NHS Borders since 2018.

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 **659-23** 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.