

29 September 2023

Freedom of Information request 663-23

Request

Please could I have the following information:

- 1) What was the total complement of high dependency beds in your health board as of 1 September 2023? Please also provide the figure for 1 September 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- 2) How many of the total complement were unoccupied as of 1 September 2023? Please also provide this figure for 1 September 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

Response

1. The total complement of high dependency beds in NHS Borders is:

01.09.2019	21
01.09.2020	21
01.09.2021	21
01.09.2022	21
01.09.2023	21

2. The total complement of high dependency beds that were unoccupied is:

01.09.2019	15
01.09.2020	20
01.09.2021	20
01.09.2022	19
01.09.2023	Not available*

* This information is not yet available from the electronic reporting system, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **663-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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