

3 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 671-23

Request

1. What is the population size served by your organisation, and how many are over the age of 50?
2. How many endoscopy rooms are there within your organisation?
3. What is the overall 62 Day wait performance for cancer? Please specify by the following cancer types (Colorectal, Head & Neck, Lung, Upper Gastro-Intestinal, Urological (prostate, bladder, other))
4. What is the overall 31 Day Performance for cancer? Please specify by the following cancer types (Colorectal, Head & Neck, Lung, Upper Gastro-Intestinal, Urological (prostate, bladder, other))
5. Current Diagnostic activity levels vs pre-pandemic as a % in endoscopy by the following modality (GI, Respiratory, ENT, Urology, Gyneacology)? Please provide the diagnostic activity levels for each year from 2019/20 to currently.
6. What is the overall 6 weeks wait performance for diagnostic endoscopy appointments? Please specify for the 4 key diagnostic tests that sits under endoscopy category (Upper endoscopy, Lower Endoscopy (excluding colonoscopy), Colonoscopy, and Cystoscopy)
7. Are you currently outsourcing any diagnostic endoscopy services by the following modality (GI, Respiratory, ENT, Urology, Gyneacology)? ? Eg. Evening/ Weekends. If so what & who to?
8. What is the performance against the non-urgent 18 week RTT for diagnostic endoscopy appointments? Please specify for the 4 key diagnostic tests that sits under endoscopy category (Upper endoscopy, Lower Endoscopy (excluding colonoscopy), Colonoscopy, and Cystoscopy)?
9. Can you specify the current Financial Capital Spend/ CDEL budget allocated to endoscopy by the following modality (GI, Respiratory, ENT, Urology, Gyneacology)? For FY2023/24?
10. What existing Leasing/ Managed Service Arrangements do you have within endoscopy by the following modality (GI, Respiratory, ENT, Urology, Gyneacology)?

Response

1. Under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please find a link to Scottish Borders Council:

[Scottish Borders Council Area Profile \(nrscotland.gov.uk\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk)

2. NHS Borders has 2 procedure rooms for Endoscopy.
3. The NHS Borders overall 62-day wait performance for Cancer is:

Tumour Site	Performance
Breast	100%
Colorectal	67%

GI - HPB	100%
GI - Upper	100%
Gynaecology - Cervical	-
Gynaecology - Ovarian	100%
Head & Neck	-
Lung	100%
Lymphoma	100%
Melanoma	100%
Urology - Bladder	100%
Urology - Other	100%
Urology - Prostate	0%
Total	86%

Please note: the Cancer waiting times performance is published on the Scottish Government website: [Cancer waiting times - NHS Scotland performance against LDP standards - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/cancer-waiting-times)

4. The NHS Borders overall 31-day wait performance for Cancer is:

Tumour Site	Performance
Breast	100%
Colorectal	86%
GI - HPB	100%
GI - Upper	100%
Gynaecology - Cervical	-
Gynaecology - Ovarian	100%
Head & Neck	100%
Lung	100%
Lymphoma	100%
Melanoma	100%
Urology - Bladder	100%
Urology - Other	100%
Urology - Prostate	100%
Total	97%

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5. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
6. At 17 September 2023, the NHS Borders overall 6-weeks wait performance for Diagnostic Endoscopy appointments is:

Diagnostic Test	Percentage
Upper Endoscopy	54%
Lower Endoscopy (other than colonoscopy)	N/A
Colonoscopy	65%
Cystoscopy	38%

Please note: these figures include “Routine”, “Urgent” and “Urgent Suspicion of Cancer” categories

7. NHS Borders is not currently outsourcing any Diagnostic Endoscopy services.
8. The 18 weeks Referral to Treatment (RTT) is not recorded to that specificity, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002, the NHS Borders RTT overall performance for in August 2023 was 70.3%.
9. There is currently no spend or allocated budget for these modalities in 2023/24.
10. There are no existing Leasing/Managed Service Agreements within Endoscopy.

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 **671-23** 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.