

5 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 678-23

Request

1. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the average waiting time for cataract surgery in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for 2022/23.
2. In this health board, of those patients seen, what was the longest waiting time for cataract surgery in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for 2022/23.
3. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is average waiting time for cataract surgery?
4. In this health board, of those patients currently on a waiting list, what is longest waiting time for cataract surgery?

Response

1. The average waiting time for patients seen for Cataract surgery is:

2022-23	30 weeks
2023-24	33 weeks

2. The longest waiting time for patients seen for Cataract surgery is:

2022-23	137 weeks
2023-24	132 weeks

3. For patients currently on a waiting list, the average waiting time for Cataract surgery is 12 weeks.
4. For patients currently on a waiting list, the longest waiting time for Cataract surgery is 128 weeks.

Please note: For 1&2 Patients were under the care of NHS Borders but may have been treated by a national provider (e.g. Golden Jubilee)

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 **678-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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