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Freedom of Information request 685-23

Request

For each financial year from 2018/19 to 2023/24 (most recent):

1. the total number of referrals for an echocardiogram
2. the median wait for an echocardiogram
3. the longest completed waited for an echocardiogram
4. the longest ongoing wait for an echocardiogram

Response

1. The total number of referrals for an echocardiogram is:

Year	Referrals
2018/2019	2779
2019/2020	3223
2020/2021	1903
2021/2022	2673
2022/2023	2785
2023/2024 (to 20th September 2023)	1484

2. The median wait for an echocardiogram is:

Year	Days
2018/2019	32
2019/2020	80
2020/2021	28
2021/2022	15
2022/2023	22
2023/2024 (20th September 2023)	19

3. The longest completed waited for an echocardiogram is:

Year	Days
2018/2019	743
2019/2020	743
2020/2021	744
2021/2022	736
2022/2023	872
2023/2024 (to 20th September 2023)	854

4. The longest ongoing wait for an echocardiogram is 744 days.

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 **685-23** 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.