

10 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 689-23

Request

I would like to request an FOI for the following:

1. A breakdown of the number of patients who were discharged and then readmitted after 1 to 7 days with a breakdown for 2022 and 2023 (most recent).
2. The hospital and ward in which they were discharged from and then admitted to.
3. The length of stay when readmitted

Response

Please find below data as per request. We cannot provide data by Ward but have provided by Speciality:

Admission Speciality	Readmitted within 7 days of Discharge		Readmission Average length of stay (Days)	
	2022	Jan to Aug 2023	2022	Jan to Aug 2023
	Anaesthetics	0	<5	-
Cardiology	16	6	4.9	7.2
Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	<5	0	0.0	-
Endocrinology & Diabetes	<5	0	<5	-
Gastroenterology	7	5	10.0	4.8
General Medicine	542	298	2.8	3.9
General Surgery (excl Vascular, Maxillofacial)	96	94	4.9	4.8
Geriatric Medicine	93	65	31.5	25.5
Gynaecology	33	48	0.7	0.4
Haematology	18	<5	6.3	6.0
Not Recorded	<5	0	46.3	-
Paediatrics	108	74	<5	0.9
Palliative Medicine	21	17	13.9	8.8
Respiratory Medicine	9	7	1.1	0.9
Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery	38	23	12.1	5.7
Urology	10	<5	3.5	<5
Total	991	637	6.3	5.8

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BD 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 **689-23** 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.