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Freedom of Information request 691-23

Request

Prior to the closure of the hydrotherapy pool at the Borders General Hospital due to the Covid pandemic, on how many occasions was the pool used per year between 2016 and 2020?

Response

Prior to closure during the Covid 19 pandemic, hydrotherapy in the Borders was in use on a daily basis and supported services such as Children and Young People's physiotherapy, neurology services, care of elderly services and private physiotherapy clinics. As hydrotherapy is used by multiple services and specialities including external providers, no single database is kept, therefore, the number of occasions the pool was used between 2016 and 2020 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 **691-23** 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.