

6 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 701-23

Request

Can I request the following, for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and the most recent data for 2023/24:

1. The total number of patients who have asked to be removed by an NHS waiting list, with a breakdown by speciality and, if possible, the length of time they were on a waiting list.
2. The total number of patients who have left an NHS waiting list, as they've chosen to opt for private healthcare treatment.

Response

1. Please see attached the response for NHS Borders:



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Data.xlsx

Please note, within the NHS Borders reporting system it is not possible to run the reports for “specialty” and “waiting time” concurrently to provide combined data, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, we have provided the lists separately.

1. The total number of patients who have left an NHS Borders waiting list as they have opted for private healthcare treatment is:

2019/20	101
2020/21	84
2021/22	275
2022/23	301
2023/24 to date	207
Total	968

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 **701-23** 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.