

## Freedom of Information request 360-19

### Request

Please provide month-by-month details for the past two years on private operations paid for by your NHS board. For each month, please provide:

1. Number of operations
2. A breakdown of numbers for each types of surgery - eg, orthopaedic, etc
3. A breakdown of the length of waits for the patients who received private treatment
4. The total cost broken down by each private hospital (with the hospitals named)
5. The total cost broken down by each type of surgery - eg, orthopaedic, etc

### Response

1 & 2 Please find below the number of operations carried out in private hospitals for the last 2 years:

Surgery Type and Hospital/Month	2018-01	2018-02	2018-03	2018-04	2018-05	2018-10	2018-11	2019-01	2019-02	2019-03	Total
ENT										1	1
General Surgery				1	1						2
Orthopaedic Surgery	1	20	28	1		2	5	1	18	22	98
Grand Total	1	20	28	2	1	2	5	1	18	23	101

3. Please find below the length of waits broken down by month:

Length of weeks on list and month	2018-01	2018-02	2018-03	2018-04	2018-05	2018-10	2018-11	2019-01	2019-02	2019-03	Total
5										4	4
6										3	3
7								2	3		5
8			1			1		2	2		6
9							2			1	3
10		1	1				1		4	2	9
11		1	1						2	1	5
12		1						1	3	3	8
13		1	2								3
14		1	1				1			2	5
15		6	1						2	1	10
16		3	2			1			1		7
17		1	3						1		5
18		1	2								3
19	1		2						1	1	5
20		1	2								3
21			2								2
22		1	2								3
23		1	1								2
25			3	1							4
27				1							1
28			1								1
31					1						1
35		1	1				1				3

4. Please find below the total cost by each private hospital:

Glasgow Nuffield Hospital	£276,320
Murrayfield Private Hospital	£52,072
Washington Hospital, Newcastle	£234,590
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£562,982</b>

5. Please find below the total cost by each type of surgery:

<b>Surgery Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Orthopaedic	£549,532
ENT	£2648
General Surgery	£6302
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£562,982</b>

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](mailto: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 **360-19** 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.