

Freedom of Information request 321-22

Request

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of information Act 2002. Please send the response electronically to monica.lennon.msp@parliament.scot

How many people are on NHS Borders's waiting list for Chronic Pain treatment?

- (a) Of these, how many are first-time patients?
- (b) How many are return patients?
- (c) What is the longest time a patient has been waiting for (a) and (b) above?

How many people are on NHS Borders' waiting list for a steroid injection for Chronic Pain?

- (a) Of these, how many are first-time patients?
- (b) How many are return patients?
- (c) What is the longest time a patient has been waiting for (a) and (b) above?

3. How many people are on NHS Borders' waiting list for an epidural injection for Chronic Pain?

- (a) Of these, how many are first-time patients?
- (b) How many are return patients?
- (c) What is the longest time a patient has been waiting for (a) and (b) above?

Response

Please see Chronic Pain Waiting List figures as at 30th June 2022 below:

Referral Type	Number of patients	Longest wait (days)
New	47	65
Review	26	92

Steroid injection

Referral Type	Number of patients	Longest wait (days)
New	1	31
Review	0	0

Epidural Injection

Referral Type	Number of patients	Longest wait (days)
New	0	0
Review	0	0

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 **321-22** 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.