

## Freedom of Information request 274-15

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### Request

1. Please could you provide me with details of the number of patients reported as suffering from pressure ulcers or sores whilst under your care in the last 5 years (2010-2014).
2. Can you provide details of the number of patients who died as a direct result of an infected pressure sore or ulcer within the same time period?
3. Can you also provide details of the number of patients for whom a pressure ulcer was an underlying cause of death within the same time period?

I would request that these figures are broken down into yearly totals.

### Response

1. NHS Borders incident management system does not collate the number of patients affected. Therefore we do not hold on any electronic system the number of patients reported as suffering from pressure ulcers or sores whilst under our care, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we cannot provide.
- 2 & 3 To identify the number of patients who have died as a direct result of an infected pressure sore or ulcer or for whom a pressure ulcer was an underlying cause of death could only be determined from a patient's medical record and this would require a manual trawl of all patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, therefore we are unable to provide this data.

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 **274-15** 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.