

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request the following:

1. The number of cancer patients forced to travel outside the health board for treatment/consultations in the past three years. Please break this down by year.

[See spreadsheet](#)

2. Could you please state which health board they have travelled to and for what treatment they had to go for.

I understand that figures on patients going outside the health board might not be centrally held - so if this is not possible please provide which health boards you send cancer patients to for treatment/consultation and what treatment they receive there.

[See spreadsheet](#)

3. Any and all costs associated with sending cancer patients to other health boards for treatment/consultations. Again, please break this down by year.

[Information not held. We don't record, in Patient Travel, why patients are travelling to other Health Boards.](#)

[The accompanying spreadsheet shows NHS Shetland numbers broken down by year, board of first treatment and treatment type. These are the numbers of patients referred to NHS Shetland who had treatment for a new primary cancer that is eligible under the 62-day cancer target. The numbers relate to first treatment only. Note: NHS Shetland has a Service Level Agreement with NHS Grampian which includes some of the more specialist cancer treatments, so the treatments provided are our standard pathway.](#)

[Please note NHS Shetland serves a population of approximately 23,000 residents and operates only one District General Hospital that is designed to address the needs of the remote and rural population so routinely works with NHS Grampian in specialist areas.](#)