

Freedom of Information request 2-17

Request

- 1) The number of violent incidents recorded against NHS staff on NHS premises during the years 2015 and 2016, broken down by location and where possible, a brief summary of said incidents.
- 2) The number of said incidents which were a) reported to the police b) resulted in disciplinary action against another NHS staff member or c) where no action was taken.

Response

1. Please find below the number of physical violence incidents recorded against staff in the period requested:

Physical violence against NHS staff (on NHS premises)	2015	2016
Andrew Lang Unit Children's Mental Health Unit (MHU)	<5	<5
Borders General Hospital	142	224
Cauldshiels In-patient Older Adult MHU	62	312
East Brig In-patient Rehabilitation MHU	19	46
Hawick Health Centre	<5	0
Hawick Community Hospital	81	24
Haylodge Community Hospital	12	14
Huntlyburn In-patient Adult MHU	6	11
Kelso Community Hospital	7	7
Knoll Community Hospital	20	8
Lindean In-patient Functional Elderly Unit	8	21
Melburn Lodge In-patient Older Adult MHU	129	55
West Brig MHU	0	<5
Total	489	726

BRIEF SUMMARY:

Due to the number of adverse events reported summaries have been given.

Physical violence against NHS staff (on NHS premises)	2015	2016
Alcohol related aggression and violence	0	32
Physical aggression by patient	483	688
Physical aggression by other (public, visitor, relative, carer)	<5	<5
Use of weapon	<5	<5
Total	489	726

2. a) Incidents reported to the police:

Number of times police were called to physical violence against NHS staff (on NHS premises)	2015	2016
Total	19	23

- b) There have been no incidents which have resulted in disciplinary action.
- c) All adverse events have actions; these actions are appropriate to the situation and may not necessarily include contacting the police or use of disciplinary action.

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 **2-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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