

Freedom of Information request 3-17

Request

I would like to amend the request regarding psychiatric patients being sent out of their respective counties/trust/board areas and add in an additional point specifying an adult/CAMHS breakdown, please discount yesterday's request and proceed with this one, many thanks indeed for your help:

1. Over the last five years (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016), how many patients were sent out of the county/trust area for inpatient treatment? Please give the number of patients per year and specify whether they were 18 and over, or under 18 if the trust deals with CAMHS.
2. For each patient, please state where/how many miles away they were sent
3. What was the total cost per year of sending these patients away/out of area for care? (an average day rate is fine to save you from tallying it all up)
4. Over the last five years, how many times has it not been possible to find a psychiatric patient a bed at all? Please give the number of occasions per year.
5. Over the last five years, have there been any occasions where bed and breakfasts/hotels/other accommodation types have been used instead of hospital beds, because an inpatient bed wasn't available? If so when, and where was it/how many miles away was it?

Response

1. NHS Borders aims to provide patient care within local services. Where necessary NHS Borders also commissions psychiatric services from NHS Lothian as the main provider of care and through various Service Level Agreements in place, the details of patients treated in NHS Lothian and associated costs are shown below in the response to Q3 as table 1.

On occasion patients may need to receive inpatient psychiatric services from other Scottish providers. NHS Borders does not hold the information requested. Therefore information provided and shown in response to Q3 in table 2 below is nationally recorded from Information Service Division Scotland (ISD).

In exceptional circumstances patients may need to receive psychiatric care from another provider out with the Service Level Agreement contracting arrangements. Manual trawl of invoices received for patients treated under Extra Contractual Referrals and out with NHS Scotland would be out with the parameters of FOI legislation. Therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A we are not required to provide.

2. The distance to NHS Scotland services are varied depending on location of the units providing the required patient care. The table below gives an indicative mileage from Borders General Hospital to each Scottish provider used for psychiatric inpatient services:

Distance from Borders General Hospital to other Scottish NHS providers

Board	Mileage distance from BGH one way (approximate)	Mileage distance from BGH & return (approximate)
NHS Lothian	55	110
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	107	214
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	63	126
NHS Fife	69	138
NHS Forth Valley	70	140
NHS Grampian	188	376
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	82	164
NHS Highland	195	390
NHS Lanarkshire	78	156
NHS Tayside	80	160

3. Please see response as per Q1 regarding the activity levels.

The cost for NHS Lothian commissioned services is included in the table 1 below. This is based on an average pricing from the NHS Borders Service Level Agreement with NHS Lothian.

Table 1 - NHS Borders patients receiving Inpatient Psychiatric treatment at NHS Lothian facilities

Board	2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015		2015/2016	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
NHS Lothian	11	9	18	<5	13	8	21	9	11	5
Average cost of activity each year	£183,823		£326,164		£261,885		£359,795		£390,522	

Table 2 - NHS Borders patients receiving Inpatient Psychiatric treatment at Other NHS Scotland facilities (Excluding NHS Lothian)

Board	2011/2012		2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015		2015/2016	
	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	0		0		1		0		0	
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	0		0		1		0		0	
NHS Fife	0		0		1		2		2	
NHS Forth Valley	1		0		1		0		2	
NHS Grampian	0		0		0		1		0	
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	1		1		0		2	1	1	1
NHS Highland	1		1		0		0		0	
NHS Lanarkshire	1		1		0		1		0	
NHS Tayside	2		1		0		2	1	3	
Total number Inpatient Psychiatric patient	6	0	4	0	4	0	8	2	8	1

The total cost for each Scottish health board providing all forms of inpatient care including psychiatric is recorded in table 3 below. NHS Borders finance system currently does not record costs by specialty and therefore we are unable to extrapolate the psychiatric inpatient costs from all other specialty costs received.

Table 3 - Recorded cost of NHS Borders patients receiving healthcare within ALL services at Other NHS Scotland facilities (Excluding NHS Lothian)

Board	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	£10,980	£19,756	£39,449	£15,876	£10,325
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	£87,018	£62,959	£64,192	£70,799	£53,740
NHS Fife	£33,616	£33,975	£38,352	£27,839	£19,388
NHS Forth Valley	£16,848	£35,923	£15,225	£73,210	£37,216
NHS Grampian	£12,823	£44,953	£144,523	£53,507	£66,273
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	£315,250	£325,782	£514,228	£277,294	£430,556
NHS Highland	£52,073	£52,629	£45,634	£29,854	£44,044
NHS Lanarkshire	£224,079	£239,954	£241,030	£172,244	£196,012
NHS Tayside	£67,480	£102,905	£47,559	£93,145	£115,985
Total Cost of ALL patient activity for each year (MH inclusive)	£820,167	£918,836	£1,150,192	£813,768	£973,539

4. There have been no occasions where it has not been possible to find a psychiatric patient bed at all.
5. Not applicable.

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 **3-17** 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.