

Freedom of Information request 51-17

Request

1. Number of A and E attendance coded as “concussion” or “sports concussion” in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.
2. Number A and E attendances coded as “concussion” or “sports concussion” referred to Neurology in the years 2014, 2015, 2016.
3. Number of Primary care referrals to Neurology outpatient clinics for “concussion” or “sports concussion” in the years 2014, 2015, 2016.
4. Neurology outpatient waiting times for routine and urgent referrals in the years 2014, 2015, 2016.

Response

1. Please find below the number of A&E attendances coded as ‘concussion’ or ‘sports concussion’ as requested:

Year	Concussion	Sports Concussion	Total
2014	45	14	59
2015	69	17	86
2016	68	27	95

2&3 This data is not held on any patient management system. This may be held in a patient’s medical record but would require a manual trawl and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and we are not required to provide.

4. Please see below an average of the weeks waited for patients on a first new appointment added to the list in each of the calendar years:

Vetted Priority	2014	2015	2016
Routine	7	10	9
Soon	4	5	5
Urgent	3	4	5
Urgent - Suspected Cancer	0	2	1

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 **51-17** 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.