

Freedom of Information request 56-17

Request

Thank you for your recent response to my request sent in October regarding mental health related attendances at A&E.

The request related to attendances up to the end of September 2016, but I now require figures for the whole of 2016 now that it has passed:

I would like to know:

How many attendances have there been at A&E by people suffering with mental health related issues (for example, categories including, psychiatric conditions, social problems, self-harm) throughout 2016.

1. Please give me the total number of attendances of people suffering with mental health related issues at A&E for 2016.
2. Please then give the breakdown for 18 and over, and under 18s and state how many people waited longer than the four hour waiting target.

If the trust is in charge of more than one hospital, please give separate information per hospital please.

Response

Please note the following data figures relate to the Accident & Emergency Department at the Borders General Hospital, Melrose:

1. There were a total of 467 attendances of people suffering from mental health related issues at A&E in 2016.
2. Please find below details as per request:

Year	Aged under 18			Aged 18 and over		
	Non Breach	Breach	Total	Non Breach	Breach	Total
2016	38	1	39	405	23	428
Total	38	1	39	405	23	428

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 **56-17** 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.