

Freedom of Information request 75-17

Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I would be grateful if you could please send me information in relation to medical attendances to prisons in Scotland since 2012. Specifically, I would like the following information:

1. How many visits by mental health specialists to HM Prisons have been carried out in Scotland in each year since 2012? If possible, please break this down by prison/institution:
 - a. Adult male prisons (Addiewell, Barlinnie, Castle Huntly, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Glenochil, Grampian, Greenock, Inverness, Kilmarnock, Low Moss, Perth, Shotts)
 - b. Young offenders institutions (Polmont)
 - c. Female prisons (Cornton Vale)
2. How many psychological assessments have been carried out in each year in HM prisons by NHS mental health specialists? If possible, please break this down further by
 - a. Adult male prisons
 - b. Young offenders institutions
 - c. Female prisons
3. How many requests for a medical visit (any type of medical issue) to prisons has NHS Scotland received in each year since 2012? Please break this down by each of the institutions:
 - a. Adult male prisons
 - b. Young offenders institutions
 - c. Female prisons
4. How many medication prescriptions have been issued in each year since 2012? Please also break this down by:
 - a. Repeat prescriptions
 - b. One-off

Response

There are no prisons within the Scottish Borders and NHS Borders does not have responsibility for health in any prison.

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 **75-17** 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.