

## Freedom of Information request 114-17

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### Request

To ask how many methadone prescriptions have been prescribed over the last 5 years in the health board?  
What is the cost of these prescriptions?

### Response

This information is in the public domain upto 2015-16. At this link  
<http://www.scotpho.org/downloads/drugs/Drugs-prescribing-2015-2016.xlsx>

And for each month on this link from April 16 to Oct 16. <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-topics/Prescribing-and-Medicines/Publications/> they are called Prescribing Statistics-Monthly Prescribing Activity Data (Experimental Statistics) and give all items dispensed in the community for each month. The latest data is Oct 16 (published 14th Feb 17).

Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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](mailto: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 **114-17** 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.