

Freedom of Information request 129-17

Request

Hospital figures

- To provide, under FOI legislation, details of how many patients were discharged from hospitals during the night (11pm to 6am) in the past year (January 2016 – December 2016, inclusive), broken down by hospital.
- To provide, under FOI legislation, the number of patients who were processed through triage in A&E but were subsequently transferred and treated in an AAU or MIU. Please include in your answer the waiting time for each patient in A&E and their subsequent waiting time in the AAU or MIU.

Response

Please find below data on the number of patients discharged from hospitals during the night as requested:

Month	BGH
January	6
February	7
March	9
April	8
May	13
June	7
July	9
August	10
September	<5
October	7
November	<5
December	<5
Total	88

Please find below the number of patients who were processed through triage in A&E but were subsequently transferred and treated in an AAU and the waiting times, NHS Borders do not transfer from A&E to MIU:

Total Combined A&E & AAU Wait (in minutes)	Total Patients
100-150	8
151-200	11
201-250	12
251-300	11
301-350	8
351-800	10
Total	60

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number is very small, and to provide further details could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol.

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 **129-17** 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.