

Freedom of Information request 185-17

Request

1) Please state the total number of children and adolescent patients admitted to inpatient mental health units by your trust in each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17

2) Of children and adolescent patients admitted to inpatient mental health units by your trust, please provide a breakdown of the numbers admitted to each of the following types of inpatient mental health units:

- a) NHS
- b) Private
- c) Charity, non-profit or other.

In each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17

3) Please provide the cost of placing children and adolescent patients in each of the following types of inpatient mental health units

- a) NHS
- b) Private
- c) Charity, non-profit or other.

In each of the following financial years:

- i) 2012/13
- ii) 2013/14
- iii) 2014/15
- iv) 2015/16
- v) 2016/17

Response

NHS Borders aims to provide patient care within local services. Where necessary NHS Borders also commission and contract for child and adolescent services from NHS Lothian, as the main external provider of care. In exceptional circumstances patients may need to receive children and adolescent inpatient mental health care from another NHS provider. This data is not collected and a manual trawl to identify patient numbers is outwith NHS Scotland parameters of FOI legislation. Patients being treated within the contract in place in NHS Lothian and the associated costs are shown in the table below along with patients who have had authorisation through NHS Borders Extra Contractual Referral (ECR) process for admission into private facilities.

The table below shows only the number of adolescent inpatient mental health admissions within NHS Lothian for children aged 12-18 years old at admission time and ECR requests to private providers per financial year. Children under 12 years old, who are admitted to NHS Lothian for mental health inpatient

services are recorded as a paediatric admission, therefore we are unable to provide the full information requested as this data does not identify these patients as a mental health inpatient.

Year	Description	NHS	Private	Charity/Not for profit
2012/13	Activity no.	<5	<5	0
	Activity Cost	£40,869	£144,745	
2013/14	Activity no.	8	0	0
	Activity Cost	£167,895		
2014/15	Activity no.	9	0	0
	Activity Cost	£184,100		
2015/16	Activity no.	5	<5	0
	Activity Cost	£88,436	£92,766	
2016/17	Activity no.	<5	<5	0
	Activity Cost	£104,859	£62,894	

Please note NHS Borders abides by the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in that where numbers are less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information (e.g. age) is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to the potential risk of disclosure. Information on the Code of Practice for Official Statistics is available on the UK Statistics Authority website.

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 **185-17** 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.