

Freedom of Information request 197-17

Request

I would be grateful if NHS Borders can provide the following information for data collected between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017 only:

1. How many health assessments of Looked After Children and Young People (LACYP) have been conducted within the health board area within this timescale?
2. Did the LACYP health assessment paperwork include specific questions that asked whether or not a young person smokes tobacco? If yes, how many young people were identified as 'smokers'?
3. Did the LACYP health assessment paperwork include specific questions that asked whether or not a young person is exposed to second-hand smoke within their home, a car or elsewhere? If yes, how many young people were identified as being exposed to SHS in their home, a car or elsewhere?
4. If the LACYP health assessment includes specific questions on smoking or SHS exposure, are these questions asked to all young people, or only those over a certain age? If so what age?
5. Did the LACYP health assessment ask if smoking is permitted by parents/carers indoors, within the child's home? If yes, how many assessments identified that smoking was permitted within the home?
6. Can you please provide copy of the current paperwork/form that has been used by NHS Borders for LACYP health assessments.

Response

1. In the period 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 54 initial LAC health assessments have been completed.
2. The LACYP assessment does include specific questions about whether a young person smokes; within the over 12 age group <5 young people reported that they smoked with no under 12s reported as smokers.
3. This is asked for in the assessment paperwork for young people under 12 years; 22 children were recorded as being exposed to SHS in their home prior to being accommodated with foster carers.
4. Within the under 12 age group assessment the question is asked 'Does anyone smoke in the home'.
5. No.
6. Please find attached current paperwork used by NHS Borders, this is currently being reviewed and updated:



LACYP



LACYP Health Needs

Comprehensive Assessment.pdf

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 **197-17** 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.