

Freedom of Information request 224-17

Request

- To provide, under FOI legislation, the number of psychiatric care units there are in the Health Board.
- To provide, under FOI legislation, the total breakdown of funding for psychiatric care from 2007 to current year broken down by the Health Board.
- To provide, under FOI legislation, the total number of school nurses who are qualified to deal with mental health cases in the schools from 2007/08 to current year.

Response

1. There are 5 psychiatric care units in the Health Board area.
2. The following table details the total annual budget per financial year 2007/08 to 2016/17 for Mental Health Services provided within NHS Borders. It excludes psychiatric care provided outwith the Borders area:

Financial Year	Total Annual Budget
2007/08	£12.99m
2008/09	£13.18m
2009/10	£13.82m
2010/11	£13.76m
2011/12	£13.05m
2012/13	£12.93m
2013/14	£12.99m
2014/15	£13.01m
2015/16	£12.88m
2016/17	£14.17m

3. Please find below the data NHS Borders holds on the number of school nurses since 2007/08:

2012: 7.4 WTE school nurses
2017: 8.8 WTE school nurses

Our school nurses have the knowledge and skills to work with children and young people to support their emotional health and wellbeing. Further data is published at <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/data-tables.asp> , 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.

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