

## Freedom of Information request 304-17

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### Request

FOI request: funding for abstinence-based programmes and methadone

I write regarding the above and to request, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, the following information:

1. The amount of funding for abstinence-based drug treatment programmes for each of the past three years to date;
2. The amount of funding for methadone-based drug treatment programmes for each of the past three years to date;
3. The quantity of methadone dispensed for each of the past three years to date.

### Response

Q1 & Q2 Please find below details as per your request:

Year	Drug and Alcohol Related Funding
2014-15	1,352,190
2015-16	1,352,190
2016-17	1,249,582

NHS Borders receives funding from Scottish Government to provide drug and alcohol related services. In partnership with other agencies NHS Borders uses this funding through the Area Drug and Alcohol Partnership to jointly commission services for the Borders population. Due to the nature and size many services cover both drug and alcohol related support and therefore drug related services cannot be separately identified.

The Area Drug and Alcohol Partnership produces an annual report which details the services provided- [http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/generalservices/alcohol-and-drugs-partnership-\(adp\)-support-team/key-documents/](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/generalservices/alcohol-and-drugs-partnership-(adp)-support-team/key-documents/)

Q3 The quantity of methadone dispensed by NHS Borders contractors is as detailed below.

Please note the following:

1. This includes all forms of methadone e.g tablets, mixture and injection
2. Quantity is expressed in milligrams
3. The indication for prescribing cannot be determined from dispensing data and may not be solely for Opiate replacement.
4. This data relates to what has been dispensed by NHS Borders contractors which may include Methadone prescribed by other NHS Boards.

- 2014/15 2,408,629 mg
- 2015/16 3,018,740 mg
- 2016/17 3,693,876 mg

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 **304-17** 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.