

Freedom of Information request 346-17

Request

I request the following:

- 1) Please state the number of assaults that were conducted by:
 - a) Patient on staff
 - b) Patient on patient
 - c) Staff on patient
 - d) Staff on staff

Recorded at hospitals and other premises of your mental health trust/board in each of the following financial years.

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

- 2) Please provide, for each assault, a description of each assault and details of where the assault took place (e.g. in a secure unit/in a consultation room/hospital ward), if possible under the cost limit set out by the FOIA.

Please note, I am only looking for data from mental health trusts/boards. If your organisation includes services other than mental health please exclude data from those areas.

Response

1. Please find below data on the number of assaults as per your request:

	<i>Number of Assaults conducted on Mental Health premises by:</i>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2015/16</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
A	Patient on Staff	157	140	101	157	125
B	Patient on Patient	80	83	78	119	87
C	Staff on Patient	0	0	0	0	0
D	Staff on Staff	0	0	0	0	0

2. Please find attached a spreadsheet which details each assault as per your request:



Mental Health Unit
Assaults.pdf

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of incidents 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 **346-17** 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.