

Freedom of Information request 375-17

Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) from each General Practice within your health board. I would appreciate it if you would forward this request to each GP surgery, or by email as there is no current universal email contact list for GP surgeries available. I am happy to receive responses from surgeries directly.

- For the last 5 years, broken down by calendar year, the number of women who, within 1 year of giving birth have had a diagnosis of antenatal depression. Please use your own discretion in search terms which you would use to code depression in post-natal mothers in your own practice.
- For the last 5 years, broken down by calendar year, the number of women who have had a diagnosis of antenatal depression and subsequently had drugs prescribed to combat depression or anxiety. Please use your own discretion in search terms which you would use to code this in your own practice.
- For the last 5 years, broken down by calendar year, the number of women who have had a diagnosis of antenatal depression and subsequently referred to a counselling service to combat depression or anxiety. Please use your own discretion in search terms which you would use to code this in your own practice.
- For the last 5 years, broken down by calendar year, the number of women who have had a diagnosis of antenatal depression and subsequently been admitted to general admissions to combat depression or anxiety. Please use your own discretion in search terms which you would use to code this in your own practice.
- For the last 5 years, broken down by calendar year, the number of women who have had a diagnosis of antenatal depression and subsequently been admitted to a specialist mother and baby psychiatric unit to combat depression or anxiety. Please use your own discretion in search terms which you would use to code this in your own practice.

I would appreciate it if the surgeries would respond to me in the following format:

Name of Surgery	Health Board area	Question	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
		women diagnosed with postpartum depression						
		women prescribed drugs to combat postpartum depression						
		women referred to therapy/ counselling combat postpartum depression						
		women admitted to general admissions to combat postpartum depression						
		women admitted to specialist mother and baby units to combat postpartum depression						

Response

General Practice surgeries are independent contractors, and NHS Borders does not hold the information requested, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we are unable to provide this information.

Contact details for the General Practices within NHS Borders can be found on the ISD Scotland website: <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/General-Practice/Workforce-and-Practice-Populations/Practices-and-Their-Populations/>

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 **375-17** 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.