

Freedom of Information request 377-17

Request

How many people in the last year have been admitted to Borders General Hospital for alcohol-related illnesses and how many for alcohol-related injuries?

Clarification: **In regard to this question, are you able to provide the information for both those who have been treated in A&E for alcohol related illness or injury as well as those who have been admitted to a ward?**

Are you also able to tell me the number of that from the previous year?

Of those people are you able to tell me how many were under the legal age limit?

Also, are you able to tell me how many of those admitted for alcohol-related illnesses and injuries were released from the hospital?

Clarification: **I meant how many of those died in hospital?**

Following my previous email, may I also ask, under the freedom of information act, what percentage of those admitted to borders general hospital in the last year are related to alcohol? What is the percentage of that for the year previously?

Response

Patients Discharged with a Alcohol Related Main Diagnosis: April to March 2015'16 & 2016'17

Aged	2015'16	2016'17	Patient Died	
			2015'16	2016'17
Under 18	6	8	0	0
18 and over	84	91	6	<5
Total	90	99	6	<5
Percentage of All Admissions	0.4%	0.5%		

ED Attendances with a Alcohol Related Main Diagnosis

Aged	2015'16	2016'17	Patient Died in ED	
			2015'16	2016'17
under 18	19	29	0	0
18 and over	212	233	0	0
Total	231	262	0	0

ED Attendances with a Non Alcohol Related Main Diagnosis but coded as an alcohol involved attendance

Aged	2015'16	2016'17	Patient Died in ED	
			2015'16	2016'17
under 18	18	25	0	0
18 and over	541	552	0	0
Total	559	577	0	0

As the number of events in some areas are very small and 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 **377-17** 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.