

## Freedom of Information request 15-18

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### Request

I would like to request the following information:

- 1) The number of children aged five and under who have received treatment for tooth decay at hospitals, clinics etc run by the health board for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- 2) The number of children aged five and under who have received fillings and crowns at hospitals, clinics etc run by the health board for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

### Response

Please find below the number of children five and under who have received treatment for tooth decay or received fillings and crowns at hospital in the years requested. Please note for the year 2017 this data is all that is held electronically and is able to be extracted from the system. Further data may be held in a patient's record but to check this would require a manual trawl of all patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations and therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are not required to provide.

Diagnosis	Dental Caries			Grand Total
	Ages 1-5			
	2015	2016	2017	
Simple Extraction Of Tooth	27	26	4	57
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>57</b>

Data on tooth decay and treatment for fillings and crowns at Health Board dental clinics would be available from Practitioners Services Division - <https://nhsnss.org/services/practitioner/dental/>, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is otherwise accessible.

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 **15-18** 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.

