

Freedom of Information request 32-18

Request

Please find attached the NSPCC's Freedom of Information request for the following information:

- 1) How many children aged under 18 were admitted to hospital through each of your accident & emergency departments in the below years due to self-harming?
 - 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017
 - 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016
 - 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015
 - 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014
- 2) Can you provide an age breakdown of admittances for each of these years?

2016/17

Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown

2015/16

Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown

2014/15

Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown

2013/14

Ages	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Unknown

If your trust manages more than one hospital, can you please provide this information for each of your A&E departments?

Response

Please find below data as per your request:

Children Attending ED due to Deliberate Self-Harm (Under the Age of 18) who were Admitted to Hospital: April to March 2013'14 to 2016'17

Age	2013'14	2014'15	2015'16	2016'17
13 and under	<5	<5	<5	<5
14		5	7	6
15	5	10	6	6
16	5	<5	<5	<5
17	<5	<5	<5	6
Total	16	22	21	21

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of cases is very small, and to provide further details of these 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. [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 **32-18** 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.