

Freedom of Information request 53-18

Request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request the following:

- The number of patients aged under 16 who have been prescribed some form of contraception in the last three years.
- Could you please break this down by year, and by age of the patient.
- Could you also please state which type of contraceptive method was prescribed, for example the pill, implant, injections or IUD.

It was today reported in a Scottish newspaper that girls aged from 13 were being given the contraceptive implant in one health board area, and if possible I would like to compare this to other boards in Scotland.

From the reporting, I understand that it may be difficult to include the exact figures of some ages being given - for example the pill or another form of contraceptive- therefore, I would be happy to receive information which does not say how many people - say aged 13- where given the implant, but just notification that this has happened.

However, this would only be if the health board could not provide the exact number of those in this age group for the certain type of contraceptive. Ideally, I would like a full breakdown.

Response

Please find below data as per request:

FEMALE

2017-current date (07/02/18)

Age	Condom	Depo	CTP	COCP	Mirena	Nexplanon	POP
11							
12							
13	<5					<5	<5
14	8			<5		<5	5
15	17			<5	<5	13	13

2016/2017

Age	Condom	Depo	CTP	COCP	Mirena	Nexplanon	POP
11							
12							
13	<5					<5	
14	7			<5		7	<5
15	13			15		7	5

2015/2016

Age	Condom	Depo	CTP	COCP	Mirena	Nexplanon	POP
11							
12							
13	<5					<5	<5
14	9			5		7	<5
15	26	<5		19		17	5

2014/2015

Age	Condom	Depo	CTP	COCP	Mirena	Nexplanon	POP
11							
12							
13	6			<5		5	<5
14	26			10		5	<5
15	30			14		9	<5

MALE

2017-07/02/18	
Age	Condoms
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	5

2016/2017	
Age	Condoms
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	<5

2015/2016	
Age	Condoms
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	0
15	<5

2014/2015	
Age	Condoms
11	0
12	0
13	0
14	<5
15	6

As the number of patients 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 **53-18** 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.