

## Freedom of Information request 170-18

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### Request

I am writing to ask for information regarding hormonal therapy for young people and children wishing to undergo gender reassignment.

In each of the past 5 years broken down by age at the time of presenting as follows:  
16 years, 17 years:

- How many young people have presented with gender dysphoria to health services covered by your Board?
- How many of those were prescribed and underwent sex change hormone therapy?

Regarding children aged under 16 years, broken down by year of age:

- How many have presented with gender dysphoria to health services covered by your Board?
- How many of those were referred on to the Gender Identity Development Service at The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, London (or elsewhere)?
- How many of those were prescribed and underwent sex change hormone therapy?

### Response

There have been no children under the age of 18 who have presented to Borders Sexual Health Services with gender dysphoria in the specified time period.

There is no data collection process to record presentations to General Practitioners, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A this information is not held and we cannot provide.

Any referrals made would be to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde. NHS GG&C does not provide patient-identifiable data on gender referrals; therefore we do not have age data on any referrals to NHS GG&C from NHS Borders.

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 **170-18** 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.

