

## Freedom of Information request 176-18

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### Request

For each of the past 5 years, could you provide the 10 most common reasons for readmission within 28 days, including the number of readmissions for each reason.

### Response

Please find below tables detailing the ten most common reasons for readmission for each year from 2013-2017.

#### 2013

Top Level Coding	Count
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	494
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	239
Diseases of the respiratory system	181
Diseases of the circulatory system	153
Diseases of the digestive system	145
Diseases of the genitourinary system	141
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	103
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	85
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	65
Neoplasms	62

#### 2014

Top Level Coding	Count
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	472
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	191
Diseases of the respiratory system	163
Diseases of the circulatory system	153
Diseases of the genitourinary system	147
Diseases of the digestive system	137
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	95
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	86
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	72
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	72

#### 2015

Top Level Coding	Count
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	507
Diseases of the respiratory system	272
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	244
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	187
Diseases of the circulatory system	183
Diseases of the digestive system	151
Diseases of the genitourinary system	110
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	77
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	75
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	73

**2016**

<b>Top Level Coding</b>	<b>Count</b>
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	523
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	292
Diseases of the respiratory system	283
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	175
Diseases of the genitourinary system	158
Diseases of the circulatory system	150
Diseases of the digestive system	118
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	74
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	65
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	59

**2017**

<b>Top Level Coding</b>	<b>Count</b>
Factors influencing health status and contact with health services	496
Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified	370
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	144
Diseases of the respiratory system	137
Diseases of the digestive system	111
Diseases of the circulatory system	91
Diseases of the genitourinary system	77
Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	61
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	34
Neoplasms	28

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 **176-18** 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.