

Freedom of Information request 207-18

Request

1. How many NHS Borders patients are receiving full time specialist care outside of the health board (e.g. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) following traumatic brain injury? Please provide details of the health boards concerned, alongwith the number of NHS Borders patients treated by those health boards.
2. In those cases, if possible please provide the reason why care couldn't be provided by NHS Borders.
3. What is the sum of money billed to NHS Borders by other Scottish health boards for the provision of full time specialist care following traumatic brain injury? Please provide a cost per day per patient, and where this sum varies, the amount charged by health board.
4. If the above is not a billed expense, but rather a funding allocation, please advise what the allocation of money is per patient per day for full time specialist care following traumatic brain injury.
5. How many NHS Borders patients diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries are entrusted to the care of private bodies or charities for full time specialist care, which would normally be provided by the health board. Please provide a breakdown of the charities/private bodies concerned.
6. How many patients present at NHS Borders facilities with traumatic brain injuries? Please provide a breakdown for the last five years.
7. What are the causes of Traumatic Brain Injuries presenting at NHS Borders facilities?
8. What is the total sum of expenses claimed by families of NHS Borders patients with traumatic brain injuries for visits to relatives receiving full time specialist care elsewhere in Scotland? Please provide a breakdown for the last five years.

I have attached a table (A) for the responses to question 1 to be entered into.

I have attached a table (B) for the responses to question 3 to be entered into.

I have attached a table (C) for the responses to question 6 to be entered into.

For question 8, please enter responses in table (D).

Response

- 1-4. NHS Borders does not receive the level of detail from our providers of care required to enable us to identify patients who are being treated for a traumatic brain injury. This information may be found in patients' notes, but to collate this information would require a manual trawl of patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore we are not required to provide this information.
5. There are no NHS Borders patients diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries who are receiving inpatient specialist care from private hospitals or charities.
- 6-7. The table below details patients attending A&E with a main diagnosis of Traumatic Brain Injury:

Cause of Injury	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Fall due to Leisure play, exercise or physical activity	<5	<5	<5	<5	5
Cause not recorded	5	<5	5	<5	6

8. NHS Borders Patient Travel Expense Protocol does not allow visitors to claim travel expenses. We therefore have incurred no expenses related to families visiting patients over the last 5 years.

Please note that as the number of events in some areas are very small, and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics for 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 **207-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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