

## Freedom of Information request 213-18

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### Request

1. Over the last 12 months, how many times was the medication known as 'puberty-blockers' prescribed to individuals under the age of 18 in your health board?
2. Over the last 12 months, how many times was the medication known as 'cross sex hormones' prescribed to individuals under the age of 18 in your health board?
3. For both medications mentioned above, can you specify the exact age AND gender of each individual who received such medication please?
4. Can you please tell me how many times both medications were (please specify how many of each, I am not asking for a combined total of the two) prescribed for each of the three years previous to this – i.e. May 2014 – May 2015; May 2015 - May 2016; May 2016 - May 2017; the age and gender of each individual is not required here.

### Clarification Received:

For puberty blockers, I am referring to gonadotrophin-releasing hormone (GnRH) analogues. However, I would like any other ones prescribed in your health board to be listed too please.

For cross sex hormones, I am referring to masculinising hormones i.e. testosterone and feminising hormones i.e. oestrogen. Again, I would like any other treatments used within your health board to be included in your response too.

### Response

1-4. NHS Borders Pharmacy electronic systems cannot split data by indication. This may be held in a patient's medical record but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations, therefore under Section 12 Cost of Compliance we are not required to provide.

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 **213-18** 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.