

## Freedom of Information request 214-18

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### Request

1. Could you provide details of cases in 2016-18 involving the consumption of alcohol gel or other non-beverage alcohol consumption (such as hairspray). Also theft or attempted theft of alcohol gel.
2. Details of any additional measures to prevent consumption/theft of alcohol gel on NHS sites (such as removal from certain wards or additional supervision or security).

### Response

1. There have been <5 cases recorded in the period 2016-18 involving the consumption of alcohol gel or other non-beverage alcohol consumption.
2. Currently, NHS Borders does not routinely use removable hand gel at the end of patient beds.

Throughout our hospitals, hand gel is provided from wall-mounted fixed dispensers in core areas including ward corridors, and these electronically dispense a measured dose of hand gel.

In addition, individual small bottles of hand gel are made available to all staff working in clinical areas.

As the number of events 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](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 **214-18** 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.