

Freedom of Information request 283-18

Request

In the past three years, how many injuries have been recorded at mental health hospitals or wards in your health board area?

Could this be broken down by i) year ii) whether the person injured was a patient or staff member and iii) the cause of the injury (eg patient being restrained).

Clarification:

In financial years but whichever is easiest.

On the first point, happy enough with the number of “events” rather than the number of injuries.

And on the second, physical injury only – not fussed about medication errors.

Response

Please find below data on the number of injuries that have been recorded at mental health hospitals or wards in NHS Borders:

(i) Year	
15/16	397
16/17	343
17/18	234

(ii) Person injured	
Employee	284
Other	18
Patient	672

(iii) Cause of injury	
Absconson/ Self harming behaviour	95
Access/Appointment/Admission/Transfer/Discharge	<5
Aggression and Violence	349
Buildings, Utilities, Grounds, Environment	<5
Equipment issues	<5
Fall/slip/trip	338
Investigation/ diagnosis/ treatment	5
Moving and handling	29
Needlestick/ sharp	13
Other	60

Patient experience event	58
Pressure damage	7
Tobacco/Alcohol/Illicit Substance Event	11
Transport event	<5

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.

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 **283-18** 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.