

Freedom of Information request 301-18

Request

1. The amount (in kg) of legal or 'licit' cocaine - cocaine for medical use - imported by NHS Borders in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to June 1)
2. The amount (in pounds sterling) spent on importing legal or 'licit' cocaine - cocaine for medical use - by the NHS Borders in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to June 1)
3. The number of hospitalisations due to cocaine misuse in the NHS Borders area in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to June 1)
4. Please also detail the amount spent on importing the following legal/licit substances in the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (to June 1):
 - Ketamine
 - Ecstasy
 - Fentanyl
 - Heroin
 - Methamphetamines

Response

1. NHS Borders do not import medicines.
2. Not applicable.
3. Please find below the number of hospital admissions with a diagnosis of cocaine:

2015: 10 patients
2016: 11 patients
2017: 6 patients
2018 to 1.6.18: 5 patients

Notes: ICD Codes used to extract data - F14 any point, T40.5 and X62

4. Not applicable.

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 **301-18** 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.