

Freedom of Information request 403-18

Request

I would like to know how many (1) boys and (2) girls aged 17 years old or under have been admitted to hospitals in your health board area because of (a) self harm or (b) self poisoning in the last 20 years, with a breakdown for each gender by calendar year.

If this cannot be provided for the last 20 years, please provide the information for each year it is available within that time period with a breakdown for each gender.

Response

Children Aged Under 18 Admitted to Hospital with a Diagnosis of Self Harm or Self Poisoning: Calendar Years 1998 to 2017 and January to July 2018

Year	Female		Male	
	Self Harm	Self Poisoning	Self Harm	Self Poisoning
1998		22	<5	6
1999		24		7
2000		19		7
2001		27		6
2002		29		6
2003		20		11
2004		20		8
2005	<5	23		<5
2006		11	<5	7
2007	<5	27		<5
2008		35	<5	<5
2009	<5	18		11
2010		19		11
2011		22	<5	<5
2012		22	<5	7
2013	<5	27		6
2014		26		6
2015	<5	30		14
2016	<5	36		<5
2017		19		<5
2018 (Jan-Jul 2018)		5		
Total	8	481	6	134
Total individual children over period	8	417	6	127

Notes:

Diagnosis Codes X60 to X84 used to extract the data in any diagnostic position.

The data shows the number of individual children who have self harmed within the year, not the number of episodes of care.

The same child may have self harmed in more than one year.

Source: SMR1

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 **403-18** 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.