

Freedom of Information request 420-18

Request

I would like to ask the health board for details of patients who have been in hospital or care facility for one year or more.

1. If possible, could the health board indicate
 - the number of patients,
 - their admission date,
 - the name of the hospital or facility currently providing care and
 - the reason for their long-term NHS care?
2. Can the health board also indicate the daily cost, or estimated daily cost, of caring for each patient?

Response

1. Please find below data on the number of patients who have been in hospital for one year or more:
 - There are currently 9 patients who have been in hospital for one year or more.
 - The admission date range of these patients is between 2014-2017
 - The facility currently providing care for these patients is either Melburn Lodge or Cauldshiels
 - All patients are either a delayed discharge or are under a hospital-based CTO

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of patients is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also 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.

2. Please note this data is available from the ISD Cost Book webpage at the following link, therefore under Section 25 this data is accessible elsewhere:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Finance/Costbook/index.asp>

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 **420-18** 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.