

## Freedom of Information request 438-18

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### Request

The information we require is as follows:

1. The number of drug-related deaths in and around Hawick over the last 12 months (August 31, 2017-August 31, 2018).
2. Also the number of patients from in and around Hawick presented at Borders General Hospital suffering from drug overdoses over the last 12 months (August 31, 2017-August 31, 2018).

### Response

1. There have been 5 drug-related deaths in and around Hawick in the period 31 August 2017 – 31 August 2018.
2. In the period in question 26 patients with a postcode of TD9 presented at the Borders General Hospital with a diagnosis of drug overdose.

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 **438-18** 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.