

Freedom of Information request 450-18

Request

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request:

1. How many pupils from (a) primary, (b) secondary and (c) special schools have been referred by their school for mental health treatment in your health board area in each of the last three years?
2. How many of (a), (b) and (c) were rejected for CAMHS specialist treatment?

If you are unable to provide a breakdown of primary, secondary and special school figures, I would be grateful to receive the total number of referrals from schools in your health board area.

Response

1. Please find below the number of school referrals for mental health treatment have been received in the last 3 years:

Referral Source	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
School Referrals	163	143	104	410

2. Please find below the number of referrals that were rejected for CAMHS specialist treatment:

Rejections	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Total	1	19	11	31

Please note NHS Borders do not record which type of school these referrals were received from, therefore this data is not held electronically. This data may be held in a patient's notes but this would require a manual trawl of all notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

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 **450-18** 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.