

## Freedom of Information request 467-18

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### Request

How many sexual incidents were reported in mental health units between 2013 and 2018 (detailing the number of incidents per month and year)

A breakdown of the kind of incidents and whether they were carried out by patients/staff/visitors.

### Response

Below are adverse events which have been recorded in mental health units between 2013 and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Adverse events did not specifically have a category to record sexual behaviours on the system until April 2014 therefore 2013 and Jan-March 2014 show nil results for this type of event.

|                         | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 2013                    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |
| 2014                    | 0   | 0   | 0   | <5  | <5  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    | <5  | 0   | 0   | <5 |
| 2015                    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | <5  | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | <5 |
| 2016                    | 0   | <5  | 8   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 9  |
| 2017                    | 8   | 0   | 0   | <5  | <5  | <5  | 0   | 0   | 0    | <5  | <5  | 0   | 17 |
| 2018 (Up to 17.09.2018) | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | <5  | 0    | 0   | 0   | 0   | <5 |

All events were carried out by patients; figures may show a single patient who has displayed multiple incidences of sexual behaviours.

|                         | Verbal - sexual content | Displays sexual behaviour |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2013                    | 0                       | 0                         |
| 2014                    | <5                      | <5                        |
| 2015                    | <5                      | 0                         |
| 2016                    | 8                       | <5                        |
| 2017                    | 5                       | 12                        |
| 2018 (Up to 17.09.2018) | 0                       | <5                        |

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 **467-18** 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.