

Freedom of Information request 536-18

Request

I am writing to you under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to ask for information around Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA).

This condition is sometimes identified as "Demand Avoidance", "Autism Spectrum Condition with Demand Avoidance" or as "Autism Spectrum Condition with Sub Type of PDA".

For the purposes of this request, I am happy for you to consider all three descriptions as the same disorder. I will refer to the condition as PDA for brevity.

1. How many children within NHS Borders have a diagnosis of PDA
2. How many adults within NHS Borders have a diagnosis of PDA
3. In response to the answer given in Question 01 how many were given this diagnosis -
 - a. in area
 - b. out of area
4. In response to the answer given in Question 03 how many were given this diagnosis
 - a. in area
 - b. out of area
5. Of the children how many on referral by NHS Borders were placed out of area for assessment and came back with a PDA diagnosis
6. same as above but relating to any adults
7. of those who received a private diagnosis out of area of PDA was this diagnosis then accepted locally by NHS Borders
8. What ongoing support/help is available within NHS Borders for those with a diagnosis of PDA
9. In response to the answer given in Questions 03/04 if diagnosis was given in area/NHS Borders what professionals eg Psychologist etc are able to diagnose PDA

Response

- 1) No children within NHS Borders have received a diagnosis of PDA.
- 2) No adults within NHS Borders have received a diagnosis of PDA.
- 3) Not applicable.
- 4) Not applicable.
- 5) None.
- 6) None.
- 7) None.
- 8) PDA is not a recognised diagnosis within ICD 10 or DSM diagnostic classification systems.
- 9) PDA is not a recognised diagnosis within ICD 10 or DSM diagnostic classification systems.

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 **536-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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