

Freedom of Information request 591-18

Request

Regarding chronic pain services; the number of (a) patients referred by NHS Borders to another health board for treatment and (b) the number of patients referred to NHS Borders by another health board for treatment.

Response

- a) Please find below the number of patients referred by NHS Borders to another Health Board for treatment:

Board/ CCG	2016/17				2017/18				2018/19		Grand Total
	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	
Total	5	<5	11	6	<5	6	5	6	5	<5	56

Figures are based on the number of new appointments for patients seen outwith NHS Borders within the period stated and not number of referrals made.

- b) Please find below the number of referrals to NHS Borders from another Health Board for treatment:

Period	Referred from other Health Board outwith NHSB
Oct-Dec 2016	0
Jan-Mar 2017	0
Apr-Jun 2017	0
Jul-Sep 2017	0
Oct-Dec 2017	0
Jan-Mar 2018	0
Apr-Jun 2018	<5
Jul-Sep 2018	<5
Total	<5

As the number of events in some areas are very small and 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](#).

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 **591-18** 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.