

## Freedom of Information request 606-18

### Request

I am writing to request an annual breakdown of admissions for assaults with a sharp object at NHS board level, broken down by ethnicity and age for the years 2012-13 to 2017-18.

Please could you provide me the following information;

- The number of Finished Admissions Episodes (persons admitted to major trauma centres, accident and emergency units and any other urgent care centres) specifically for assault by sharp object for every single year from March 2012-March 2013 – March 2017 – 2018. Please provide me this information broken down by month in an excel spreadsheet.

Year	Month	Admissions
2012-13	March	-
	April	-
	May	1
	June	1
	July	1
	Etc.	1

- Please state the ethnicity of each of these individuals admitted to hospital for assault by sharp object during those years according to the below categories (Asian or British Asian, Black or Black British, Mixed, Not stated, Other Ethnic Group, Unknown/ Invalid/White). Please provide me this information in the same excel spreadsheet on a separate tab according to the following format:

Year	Month	Ethnicity	Admissions	
2012-13	April	Asian or Asian British	-	-
		Black or Black British	-	-
		Mixed	1	1
		Not stated	1	1
		Other ethnic group	1	1
		Unknown / Invalid	1	1
		White	13	13

- Please state the age of each person admitted to hospital for assault by sharp object for each of these years and months according to the below age-bands. Please provide me this information in the same excel spreadsheet on a separate tab according to the following format:

Year	Month	Age (yrs)	FAEs	FCEs
2012-13	April	10 to 19	1	1
		20 to 29	8	8
		30 to 39	5	5
		40 to 49	3	3
		50 to 59	-	-
		60 to 69	-	-
		80 and over	-	-

		Unknown Age	-	-
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## Response

Please find attached a spreadsheet which provides the data requested above:



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606-18 Summary.xlsx

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](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 **606-18** 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.