

## Freedom of Information request 615-18

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### Request

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### Response

1. The number of patients that have fallen within NHS Borders Hospitals after being admitted for care in 2018 was 1234 (until 01/12/2018). [This includes all falls of whatever nature, whether witnessed or unwitnessed; those where the patient may have sustained some level of injury; and those which have resulted in no injury whatsoever.](#)
  - a. This type of information cannot be extracted from our adverse event reporting system Datix and would require a manual trawl of the patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
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2. The number of patients that have fallen within NHS Borders Hospitals after being admitted for care in 2017 was 1452. [See above.](#)
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3. The number of patients that have fallen within NHS Borders Hospitals after being admitted for care in 2016 was 1406.
  - a. This type of information cannot be extracted from our adverse event reporting system Datix and would require a manual trawl of the patient records. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
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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 **615-18** 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.