

## Freedom of Information request 617-18

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2016/17 (financial year from April 2016 to March 2017) and in 2017/18 (financial year from April 2017 to March 2018)
2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medial factors in 2016/17 and in 2017/18
3. The total number of times physical injury was caused in 2016/17 and in 2017/18
4. The total number of times was restraint used following a physical assault in 2016/17 and in 2017/18
5. The total number of times was seclusion used following a physical assault in 2016/17 and in 2017/18
6. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18
7. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18
8. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as charge in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as verbal warning in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
10. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults was recorded as no action in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
11. The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults in 2016/17 and 2017/18.
12. Total number of staff reported by the trust at March 31, 2017 and at March 31, 2018.

Please provide this information as a spreadsheet or CSV file.

### Response

1. The table below details the number of recorded physical assaults on staff members:

Year	Incidents
2016/17	686
2017/18	686

2. The table below details recorded physical assaults that involved medical factors:

Year	Incidents
2016/17	387
2017/18	378

3. The table below details the number of recorded incidents resulting in physical injury:

Year	Incidents
2016/17	262
2017/18	301

4. The table below details the number of times restraint was recorded as having been used following a physical assault:

Year	Incidents
2016/17	25
2017/18	48

- 5-12. NHS Borders does not collect this information, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this information is not held.

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 **617-18** 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.