

## Freedom of Information request 28-19

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### Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please could you tell me:

1. What information is gathered by the health board on the housing status of patients who are admitted to hospital and who attend A&E and how this is collated.
2. The number of hospital admissions and A&E attendances by patients who are homeless in each month of 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
3. Whether the health board runs a homelessness service for patients, how patients might access this service and what support it offers.
4. If a homelessness service is run by the health board, the number of patients who have been referred to this service in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

### Response

1. NHS Borders do not gather information on the housing status of patients admitted to A&E.
2. Please find below data as per request:

#### **Inpatients Discharged from Hospital who were Admitted from No fixed Abode**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
January						<b>0</b>
February		1				1
March						<b>0</b>
April						<b>0</b>
May						<b>0</b>
June		1				1
July				1		1
August						<b>0</b>
September						<b>0</b>
October	1					1
November			1			1
December					1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

#### Notes:

Extracted using Admitted Transferred from Code 34 no fixed abode  
2018 data should be viewed as provisional at this time.  
Source: SMR1

#### **Patients Attending A&E Discharged as No Fixed Abode**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Total</b>
January			1		1		2

February	1				1	2
March			2			2
April				1		1
May	1				2	3
June			1			1
July	1		2			3
August	1	1				2
September		1				1
October		1	1	1		3
November			1		3	4
December	1					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>

Notes:

Extracted using Discharge Destination Code O3D - no fixed abode

Source: A&E2

3. NHS Borders does not run a homelessness service.

4. Not applicable.

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 **28-19** 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.