

Freedom of Information request 29-19

Request

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/11/air-pollution-as-bad-as-smoking-in-increasing-risk-of-miscarriage?CMP=share_btn_link

I write to request information about miscarriages.

1. Can you tell me the number of miscarriages in each of the last five years?
2. Can you also break down those figures to show the geographic areas where the miscarriages occurred in each year?
3. Are the numbers recorded in this way?

Response

Please find below data on the number of patients discharged from hospital after suffering a miscarriage. This information has been broken down by postcode:

FOI 29-19 Patients Discharged with Diagnosis Of Miscarriage Calendar Years 2014 to 2018; by Patients Postcode District

Postcode District	Postcode Town	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
TD1	Galashiels	16	18	15	31	15
TD9	Hawick	17	16	16	12	10
TD11	Duns	10	7	10	9	5
EH45	Peebles	6	7	8	11	8
TD5	Kelso	12	7	7	8	<5
TD7	Selkirk	6	<5	9	8	8
TD14	Eyemouth	5	11	<5	<5	<5
TD6	Melrose	<5	5	11	6	<5
TD8	Jedburgh	<5	<5	8	5	<5
TD15	Berwick upon tweed	<5	7	<5	<5	<5
TD12	Coldstream	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
EH44	Innerleithen	5	<5	<5	<5	<5
TD3	Gordon	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
TD4	Earlston	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
EH43	Walkerburn	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
TD2	Lauder	<5	<5	<5		<5
TD10	Greenlaw	<5	<5			<5
EH38	Heriot		<5	<5		
EH46	West Linton		<5		<5	
EH26	Penicuik	<5				<5
ML12	Other	<5				
AB11	Other		<5			
BS3	Other		<5			
DE55	Other		<5			
DG12	Other				<5	
EH17	Other				<5	

EH4	Other	<5				
EH40	Other					<5
EH54	Other					<5
EH7	Other		<5			
G20	Other	<5				
G53	Other					<5
M9	Other	<5				
NE66	Other					<5
NE71	Other		<5			
SK1	Other		<5			
SN5	Other	<5				
SW15	Other					<5
Total		106	107	99	109	75

Notes:

Diagnosis Codes O039 and O021 used to extract the data in any diagnostic position.

2018 data should be viewed as provisional at this time.

Source: SMR1

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 **29-19** 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.