

Freedom of Information request 51-19

Request

I would be most grateful if you could please provide me with the following information for your health board:

1. The total number of clinical incidents and near-misses in your health board for each of the last 5 years involving opioids or opiates, broken down by the location in which they occurred, and further broken down by the severity of incident (near miss, actual patient harm etc).
2. Secondly, I would be grateful if you could please provide me with the total number of prescribers in your health board, including medical and non-medical prescribers, broken down by location, and then further broken down by role, for the year for which you have the most current information. For example:

NHS Borders: number of prescribers: XXXXX

Consisting of:

- a. Consultants - XXXXX
- b. GPs - XXXX
- c. Non-Medical nurse prescribers – XXXX
- d. Pharmacists – XXX

Response

1. The table below shows the total number of adverse events per calendar year reported on the NHS Borders adverse reporting system Datix that involve opioids or opiates.

Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total number of adverse events	14	8	10	8	20
Location:					
Borders General Hospital	12	6	8	5	15
Mental Health Units	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Community Hospital	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Patient's Home (Community Nursing)	0	0	0	0	<5
Grading of adverse event					
• Extreme	0	0	0	0	0
• Major	0	0	0	0	0
• Moderate	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
• Minor	<5	<5	5	<5	5
• Negligible	8	6	<5	<5	10
• Near Miss	<5	0	<5	<5	<5

2. Please find below the total number of prescribers in NHS Borders:

- a) Consultants - 107
- b) GPs – 187
- c) Non-Medical Nurse Prescribers – 119

Please find below a table which shows prescribers by location. NB - variation from above is because staff work across multiple sites will count separately for each Primary Care practice (locums and nursing staff particularly) and table only shows prescribers who have issued prescriptions which have been paid in the period (12months to Nov.2018):

Practice Name	GP count	Nurse Count
BECS (BORDERS EMERGENCY CARE)	1	6
BRAESIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE	11	5
COLDSTREAM MEDICAL PRACTICE	18	3
DUNS MEDICAL GROUP	5	2
EARLSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE	13	4
EILDON SURGERY	10	8
EYEMOUTH MEDICAL PRACTICE	21	3
GLENFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE	6	4
GREENLAW SURGERY	2	5
JEDBURGH MEDICAL PRACTICE	18	2
KELSO MEDICAL GROUP	18	8
MERSE MEDICAL PRACTICE	12	3
NEWCASTLETON MEDICAL PRACTICE	8	2
O'CONNELL STREET MEDICAL PRACTICE	15	4
ROXBURGH STREET SURGERY	4	6
SELKIRK MEDICAL PRACTICE	17	8
STOW & LAUDER HEALTH	13	2
ST RONAN'S PRACTICE	10	2
TEVIOT MEDICAL PRACTICE	20	8
THE ELLWYN PRACTICE	25	8
THE NEIDPATH PRACTICE	15	5
THE TWEED PRACTICE	15	5
WAVERLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE	12	6
WEST LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE	8	3
	297	112

d) Pharmacists - 14

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 **51-19** 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.