

Freedom of Information request 143-19

Request

1. In each year between 2012/13 and 2018/19 – both years inclusive – how many children (aged 17 and under) were admitted for drug overdoses to A+Es at hospitals run by the health board? Please provide a breakdown by number of individuals, discounting repeat admissions, and detail whether the patient was male or female.
2. In each financial year between 2012/13 and 2018/19 – both years inclusive – how many children (aged 17 and under) were admitted for self-poisoning incidents to A+Es at hospitals run by the health board? Please provide a breakdown by number of individuals, discounting repeat admissions, and detail whether the patient was male or female.

Response

Please find below data held by NHS Borders as per request with explanatory notes:

Children Aged Under 18 Attending A&E with a Diagnosis of Drug Overdose: April to March 2012'13 to 2017'18 & April 2018 to February 2019

Gender	Deliberate self-harm							Total
	2012'13	2013'14	2014'15	2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	
Female	<5				<5	9	<5	17
Male					<5		<5	<5
Total	<5	0	0	0	<5	9	6	20

Notes:

Number of individual patients attending A&E per year not total attendances.

Diagnosis Codes used to extract the data: T36 to T50 Poisoning by drugs, medicaments and biological substances

2018'19 relates to April to February 2019 only.

Caution should be taken with data as only one diagnosis is recorded.

Children Aged Under 18 Attending A&E with a Diagnosis of Intentional Self Poisoning: April to March 2012'13 to 2017'18 & April 2018 to February 2019

Gender	Total Patients							Total
	2012'13	2013'14	2014'15	2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	
Female					<5	<5	<5	7
Male					<5	<5	<5	5
Total	0	0	0	0	5	<5	<5	12

Notes:

Number of individual patients attending A&E per year not total attendances.

Diagnosis Codes used to extract the data: X60 to X69 Self Poisoning (intentional self harm)

2018'19 relates to April to February 2019 only.

Caution should be taken with data as only one diagnosis is recorded.

Source: A&E2

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 **143-19** 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.