

Freedom of Information request 163-19

Request

Please provide the information below, broken down by the following financial years: 2014 ; 2015 ; 2016; 2017 and 2018

Question 1

How many children have been the subject of inquiries by the health services resulting from allegations of Fabricated and Induced Illness and /or Munchausens by Proxy Syndrome in your health board area? Please break these figures down by:

- a) age
- b) gender

Question 2

- a) What was the outcome for those referrals involving suspected FII or MBPS?
- b) How many were deemed to be authentic cases of FII or MBPS
- c) How many cases were dismissed?

Response

NHS Borders may contribute to child protection investigations but does not collect information regarding these investigations, 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.

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 **163-19** 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.