

Freedom of Information request 199-19

Request

Please provide me with details regarding opioid replacement therapies within your health board, broken down for each of the following financial years:
2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19

1. How many individual patients were prescribed methadone on at least one occasion in the year?
2. How many individual patients were prescribed buprenorphine on at least one occasion in the year?
3. How many individual patients used a needle exchange on at least one occasion in the year?
4. How many times was naloxone prescribed/ administered to patients in the year?

Response

Please find below data as per request with additional explanatory notes:

Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Methadone	150	184	222	264	262*
Bupreorphine	134	110	109	100	94*
Needle Exchange **	Not held	142	156	155	145
Naloxone ***	192	177	207	122	155

* Data to February 2019

** Due to the nature of Injecting Equipment Providers Service this is a confidential service and individuals are not required to provide their details, however are asked to use a unique number. Caution should be applied however as some individuals may change their unique number. Therefore these numbers are approximate.

*** NHS Borders are only able to provide the number of take home Naloxone kits prescribed in the year. Not administered.

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 **199-19** 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.

