

Freedom of Information request 229-19

Request

The following request concerns primary school referrals to your NHS child and adolescent mental health services. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?
2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined (rejected) for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?
3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don't independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?
5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2018/19?

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file, using the template provided.

Response

Please find attached completed spreadsheet as requested:



Primary School MH
FOI Response Compl

Under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002 Duty to provide advice and assistance please find below data on the total number of referrals received from school nursing staff:

Referral Source	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Grand Total
School Referrals	163	143	104	74	484

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 **229-19** 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.