

Freedom of Information request 366-19

Request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 please provide me with the following information relating to the number of children and young people who are placed in adult hospital wards (excluding data from mental health settings):

Please send me:

1. Information held by NHS Borders on the number of children aged 0 up to and including 16 years of age who are placed in adult hospital wards or units (excluding data from mental health settings), including day patients and in-patients, inclusive of any length of time and regardless of the availability of a paediatric/special unit within the hospital. If possible, please include the age of the child at the time of accommodation in the adult hospital ward or unit and the number of admissions for each child.
2. Disaggregation of this data by calendar year since 01/01/16 to 31/12/18, including an additional shorter calendar year from 01/01/19 to the present. Please can the data be provided in a csv file.

Response

Please find below the number of children who occupied a bed in an adult hospital ward or unit in the period requested:

Calendar Year	Aged Under 16	Aged 16	Total
2016	10	41	51
2017	5	34	39
2018	2	32	34
2019 (Jan to July)	3	15	18
Total	20	122	142

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 **366-19** 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.