

Freedom of Information request 372-19

Request

Please can you give information for the following questions for each of the past five financial years

- How many patients (with a breakdown of the number of adults and children) have been waiting for psychological or psychiatric treatment for longer than the waiting times prescribed by the Scottish Government
- What is the longest time a patient (adult or child) has waited for psychological or psychiatric treatment

Response

Please note Psychological Therapy and Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service waiting times data is available publically on the ISD website at the following link:

<https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Waiting-Times/>

Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

NHS Borders have recently migrated to a new electronic system for mental health and are unable to provide data on adult psychiatric waits as this is not held in a way that can be easily extracted from the system. The cost to carry out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.

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 **372-19** 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.