

## Freedom of Information request 376-19

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### Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from NHS Borders

I am doing research for the BBC Six/Ten O'clock News for a story about cocaine use in the UK and I am contacting all Health Boards in Scotland requesting the following information:

- 1) How many service users did you have listed as in treatment for crack cocaine each year for the past three years?
- 2) What was the age range of users in treatment for crack cocaine each year for the past 3 years? (e.g. youngest 18, oldest 56 years old)
- 3) What budget did you allocate for community drug and alcohol treatment (excluding in-patient detoxification and rehabilitation) for the following financial years:
  - a) 2014 - 15
  - b) 2018 - 19
  - c) 2019 – 20
- 4) What budget did you allocate for in-patient detoxification and residential rehabilitation for the following financial years:
  - a) 2014 - 15
  - b) 2018 - 19
  - c) 2019 – 20

### Response

1. NHS Borders Addiction Service, at this time, is a prescribing service for opiate dependence and alcohol detox therefore any service users requiring treatment for crack cocaine would be offered support by Addaction. Under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we do not hold data on the number of users treated in the last 3 years.
2. Not applicable.
- 3&4 The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Service in Scottish Borders provides a range of treatments and care pathways, the costs of which are not individually reported so this information is not held, therefore under Section 12 of the FOI(S)A 2002 cannot be provided. Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance we have provided further information below which shows the total budget for the full service:
  - a) Please find below a link to the Annual Reports for Scottish Borders ADP Services which detail budget and spend information for services:

[http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/alcohol-and-drugs-partnership-\(adp\)-support-team/key-documents/](http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/alcohol-and-drugs-partnership-(adp)-support-team/key-documents/)

- b) The budget allocated to ADP Services in Scottish Borders for 2018/19 was £1,194,582. The 2018/19 Annual Report for Scottish Borders ADP Services is currently being drafted and will be available during 2019/20.
- c) The budget set for ADP Services in Scottish Borders for 2019/20 is £1,773,406.

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](mailto: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 **376-19** 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.