

Freedom of Information request 396-19

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2002 I am looking to obtain information relating to the number of young people referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provided by your health board.

- Could this information please be broken down into figures for the last ten years.
- Could I please be provided with an indication of the ages of the young people referred (in whichever format your data allows, for example, by individual age or by age range).

Response

Please find below data as per request:

Children Referred to CAMHS Service 2013 to 2017: by Year, Gender & Ageband

Year	11 and under		12-17 years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
2013 *	109	217	287	178	791
2014 *	122	249	276	181	828
2015 *	100	239	282	181	802
2016 *	132	247	258	207	844
2017 *	113	294	298	212	917
2018	87	214	186	149	636

* Please note the historic data for 2013-2017 shows the number of referrals received to CAMHS, please note a patient may have more than one referral in this period. As this data is held on our old patient management system we have been unable to extract this data to show patient data only.

NHS Borders are unable to provide this data over the ten year period as requested as this data is not held on our electronic patient management system. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and 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 **396-19** 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.