

Freedom of Information request 400-19

Request

Please disclose (a) figures for the number of SSRI prescriptions issued in NHS Borders for any convenient accounting period in the last 18 months broken down by patient age for those under 13, from 13-16, 16-18, and over 18, (b) figures for the number of Benzodiazepine prescriptions issued in NHS Borders for any convenient accounting period in the last 18 months broken down by patient age for those under 13, from 13-16, 16-18, and over 18.

Response

Please find below the data held for numbers of SSRI and Benzodiazepine prescriptions issued in NHS Borders for the last 18 month period:

	Prescription Forms Dispensed	CHI Capture Rate	Age (years) 00 < 13	Age (years) 13 < 16	Age (years) 16 < 18	Age (years) 18 < 199	Age (years) unknown
Benzodiazepines	20,566	96.64%	1	6	24	19,845	690
SSRI	79,816	99.25%	24	121	476	78,593	602

Notes:

- Data extracted from PIS (Prescribing Information System, National Services Scotland)
- Age is determined according to the payment month of the prescription
- Only prescriptions submitted for payment are available for inclusion
- Only prescriptions dispensed within the Community Pharmacy network are available for inclusion
- Prescription forms are included regardless of Form Type
- CHI is required in order to determine age, so any prescriptions where the CHI has not been electronically captured and stored will not be related to the recipient's age
- BNF Drug Grouping is based on the PRISMS/PIS interpretation which may not always precisely match the published Legacy BNF:
 - Benzodiazepines (BNF 04.01.02 ANXIOLYTICS excluding Buspirone Hydrochloride & Meprobamate)
 - BNF 04.03.03 Selective Serotonin Re-Uptake Inhibitors

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 **400-19** 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.