

Freedom of Information request 428-19

Request

I would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions relating to the provision of bed space and female only wards available to inpatients in your health board:

1. The total number of beds in multi-occupancy wards for each of the past 10 years for each of general medical use and mental health treatment.
2. The total number of beds in single rooms for each of the past 10 years for each of general medical use and mental health treatment.
3. What proportion of your total available bed space has moved from multi-occupancy wards to single room provision.
4. The total number of female only wards operated by the board in each of the past 10 years.
5. The total capacity of female only wards operated by the board in each of the past 10 years.
6. Points 4 and 5 broken down by general medical provision and mental health provision.

Response

1. The number of staffed beds within NHS Borders is available on the ISD website at the following link:

<https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Hospital-Care/Beds/>

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

2. Please find below the number of single rooms for each of the past 10 years:

Year	General Medical	Mental Health
2009/10	23	63
2010/11	23	63
2011/12	23	63
2012/13	23	63
2013/14	23	63
2014/15	23	63
2015/16	29	63
2016/17	23	63
2017/18	23	63
2018/19	16	63

3. None.

4-6 Please find below the number of female only wards and beds within the NHS Borders area in the last 10 years. These wards were for the provision of Gynaecology, Labour Suite and Maternity services:

Year	Gynaecology, Labour Suite and Maternity		Mental Health	
	No. Female Wards	No. Female Beds	No. Female Wards	No. Female Beds
2009/10	3	32	0	0
2010/11	3	32	0	0
2011/12	3	32	0	0
2012/13	3	32	0	0
2013/14	3	32	0	0
2014/15	3	32	0	0
2015/16	3	32	0	0
2016/17	3	32	0	0
2017/18	3 *	32 *	0	0
2018/19	3 *	32 *	0	0

* Within NHS Borders Ward 16 was a female only 14 bedded Gynaecological ward which was however in winter 2017/18 and 2018/19 used as surge ward and so male patients were admitted into bay (no mixed bays) for the 3 month period of Jan – March on both years.

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