

## Freedom of Information request 466-19

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### Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on child and adolescent mental health targets:

- Among all the children and young people from your health board area who waited in excess of the 18-week CAMHS standard and started their treatment in (a) 2018-19 and (d) 2019-20 to date (including those still waiting), what was the total number of days over the 18-week standard that they collectively waited.
- Please break down the figures for each year specified. For example, if a child began their treatment after 30 weeks, then that child would contribute 84 days towards the total for the year in which they started their treatment (12 weeks x 7 days).

### Response

Please find below CAMHS data as per request:

#### **NHS Borders April 2018 - August 2019**

##### **Days over 18 wks by Financial Year**

	April 2018-March 2019	April - August 2019
Patients Seen - Adjusted	14882	1071

##### **Days over 18 wks as at month end**

	As at end March 2019	As at end August 2019
Patients Waiting <sup>1</sup> - Adjusted	1057	119

1 - The Patients Waiting data cannot be added month on month as it is data taken at month end - if you were to have one patient waiting 4 wks at month one and then 8wks at month two, you would then have that patient waiting 12wks when adding the months together which would be incorrect. Therefore we have provided data as at the end of each financial year.

To provide the exact data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore under Section 12 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](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 **466-19** 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.