

## Freedom of Information request 512-19

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### Request

I would like to register a further request with you. It's come to my attention that in many local authorities, responsibility for safeguarding related to drugs deaths has been delegated to the NHS board. If this is the case in GGC please would you provide the following information under FOI:

For each year separately since 2014:

The number of cases each year in which:

- a) referrals or notifications of potentially significant cases involving a drug death were made
- b) there was an initial case review following a drug death
- c) there was a significant case review involving a drug death
- d) the reason for the referral/notification in a, b and c and the reason not to proceed in a and b.

### Response

NHS Borders does not hold this data, this data would be held by [Scottish Borders Council](#), therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **512-19** 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.