

Freedom of Information request 539-19

Request

How many people over the age of 65 have been hospitalised taking illegal drugs, cocaine, ecstasy etc. Would it be possible to breakdown the figure by ages and what they took please?

Clarification Received:

Could I please request information dating back to 2016?

Response

Please note NHS Borders do not record the specific drug taken on our electronic system as this data may not be held therefore we are unable to identify if the drug was illegal or not. Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please find below data on the number of people over the age of 65 who have been hospitalised due to a drug overdose, please note this data may also include accidental overdoses on prescribed medication:

2016 – 4 patients
2017 – 3 patients
2018 – 3 patients
2019 – 2 patients (to date)

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 **539-19** 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.