

Freedom of Information request 443-20

Request

May I request the following information under freedom of information legislation:

- 1) The number of recorded incidents of assault on NHS staff for the financial years of 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.
- 2) The number of recorded incidents of assault on NHS staff for the financial year of 2020/21 so far.
- 3) If possible, the number of these incidents that were reported to the police for the above categories.

Response

1-2 Please find attached below data as per request:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Up to 31.10.2020)
Alcohol related aggression and violence	4	38	32	25	24	14
Improper behaviour	3	5	3	92	14	1
Injured during restraint techniques	13	13	11	6	5	2
Physical aggression by other	4	3	2	6	3	4
Physical aggression by patient	769	461	457	567	404	179
Use of weapon	4	4	2	6	4	0
Total	797	524	507	702	454	200

3. Please find below the number of recorded incidents that were reported to the Police:

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (Up to 31.10.2020)
Police reports for assaults	36	18	19	36	31	9

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 **443-20** 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.