

## Freedom of Information request 457-20

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### Request and Response

We would like to request the following information from NHS Borders Health Board

1. Could you please provide the names and addresses of memory services/clinics that operate within the Organisation?

**All assessments within NHS Borders specialist services are carried out by the Mental Health Older Adults Service (MHOAS) which has a postal address of Melburn Lodge, BGH Melrose. However, the team carry out assessments in GP Surgeries, NHS buildings and client's own home depending on the situations, access to facilities and the demand for services. This at present is limited due to the restrictions with Covid-19.**

2. What diagnostic services does each clinic provide?

**The above service assess people for Alzheimer's/Dementia and related Cognitive conditions.**

3. How many people were referred to these memory clinics in the following financial years? Please provide information for each service/clinic.

**Please find below the number of patients referred to MHOAS for cognitive problems/assessment in the years requested:**

Service/Clinic name	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
MHOAS	111	255	252

4. How is the Service/Clinic staffed? Please provide information for each service/clinic.

**Information on the service and how it is staffed is available on the NHS Borders public website at the following link:**

<https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/mental-health/melburn-lodge>

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

5. Could you please provide information about the role, responsibility, and level of seniority of the Health Care professional in charge of the Memory Service/Clinic? Please provide information for each service/clinic.

**The Service is overseen by the Operational manager and Consultant Psychiatrist. The Operational Managers role has Operational oversight and Consultant Psychiatrist is clinical lead for the service.**

6. Does the service/clinic provide Amyloid-PET imaging (API) and Cerebrospinal Fluid Testing (CSF)? If Yes, how many tests did the clinics undertake in the following financial years: Please provide information for each service/clinic.

**NHS Borders do not provide Amyloid-PET imaging (API) and Cerebrospinal Fluid Testing (CSF) as part of this service.**

Service/Clinic name	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Not applicable			

7. If the clinics do perform CSF testing, are the samples sent to a laboratory outside the clinic? If Yes, could you provide the name and location?

**Not applicable.**

8. What were the average waiting times for GP referrals to memory clinics in the following financial years?

**Please find below the average waiting times for patients who have been referred by their GP practice to the MHOAS service for cognitive problems:**

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
16.9	10.9	13.8

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 **457-20** 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.