

## Freedom of Information request 511-20

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### Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from this Health Board:

GP mental health service referral numbers from across the past 5 years (including 2020).

Please provide the information in the form of data split into monthly rates.

### Clarification Received:

I am interested in the number of mental health service referrals that NHS Borders receives (for secondary care) from GP practices from the past 5 years (January 2015 – December 2020)

### Response

The table below details the number of referrals from GP practices to secondary care Mental Health services between 2015 and 2020, broken down by month:

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015	234	233	252	215	244	269	264	212	282	294	246	240
2016	241	260	310	254	240	300	229	247	290	236	268	270
2017	276	252	314	235	326	293	252	274	316	294	366	241
2018	319	212	191	169	200	199	207	213	215	229	203	189
2019	202	225	247	213	252	215	227	256	267	274	261	204
2020	238	279	182	88	148	172	217	244	302	324	337	278

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 **511-20** 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.