

Freedom of Information request 4-21

Request

Between December 2018 and December 2020 - broken down by month - how many people under the age of 18 were admitted to hospitals in your health board area for treatment of an eating disorder.

Could this also be broken down by age or age-group and gender.

Response

The table below provides a monthly breakdown of people under the age of 18 admitted to hospital between December 2018 and December 2020 for treatment of an eating disorder:

Month	Patients
December 2018	<5
January 2019	0
February 2019	0
March 2019	<5
April 2019	0
May 2019	0
June 2019	<5
July 2019	<5
August 2019	0
September 2019	<5
October 2019	0
November 2019	0
December 2019	0
January 2020	0
February 2020	0
March 2020	<5
April 2020	0
May 2020	<5
June 2020	0
July 2020	<5
August 2020	0
September 2020	<5
October 2020	0
November 2020	0
December 2020	0

Please note that as the number of events is very small, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, for any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information such as age or gender are withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **4-21** 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.