

## Freedom of Information request 102-21

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### Request

I am looking for information about the number of people (not beds) who have been affected by delayed discharge from mental health care beds. I wanted to know:

1a) How many patients who have been declared fit for discharge were occupying mental health care beds from 1 January to 31 December 2020? What percentage of the total number of patients is this?

1b) How long were these patients waiting to be discharged? What percentage had been waiting for:

- For one month
- For six months
- For one year
- For two years
- For three years
- More than three years

Please provide this information as an excel spreadsheet

2) Please also provide this data for the year ending 31 December, 2019 and 31 December, 2018.

I am requesting this information under freedom of information legislation.

Please let me know if this information is unclear and needs clarification, or is already publicly available.

### Response

Please find the information requested in the enclosed excel spreadsheet.



FOI Response  
102-21.xlsx

Please note that due to a change in reporting system, data for January 2018 to March 2018 is not available therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is 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](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 **102-21** 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.