

Freedom of Information request 138-21

Request

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding referrals and waiting lists of children (0-17 years old) with eating disorders to a Tier 4 specialist inpatient unit.

Please can you tell me

1. The name of your Trust or Health Board?
2. How many referrals to Tier 4 CAMHS inpatient units for eating disorders did you have in the following financial years
 - a) April 2020 - March 2021
 - b) April 2019 - March 2020
3. Can you break down the answers for Q1a&b by age 0-17
4. Do you have a Tier 4 under 13's mental health inpatient unit?
Yes
No
N/A
5. How many children were on the waiting list for a bed in a specialised unit in the following financial years, and if you are able to please break this down monthly (this can be a monthly average)
 - a) April 2020 - March 2021
 - b) April 2019 - March 2020
6. Can you please provide the highest figure at any given point during the year of those on the waiting list for a bed in a specialist inpatient unit and the lowest figure at any given point during the year, and when they were if possible.
 - a) April 2020 - March 2021
 - b) April 2019 - March 2020

Response

1. NHS Borders
2. Please see the number of referrals to Tier 4 CAMHS inpatient units for eating disorders below:

Financial Year	Number of referrals
April 2020 – March 2021	<5
April 2019 – March 2020	<5

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](#).

3. Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of referrals is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also 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.
4. No.
5. NHS Borders did not have any children on a waiting list for a bed in a specialised unit between April 2019 and March 2021.
6. Not applicable.

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 **138-21** 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.