

Freedom of Information request 181-21

Request

I'm submitting an FOI request for the following information:
For the years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-present:

1. How many people aged 65 and over received mental health treatment after a referral?
2. What was the average time for someone aged 65 or over to receive mental health treatment after a referral?
3. What was the longest wait someone aged 65 or over has had to wait to receive mental health treatment after being referred?
4. How many of the people identified in question one received mental health treatment within the 18 week treatment time target?
5. What are the main reasons for delays to older adults receiving mental health treatment?
6. What was the average time for someone to transition from adult mental health services to older adult services?
7. What was the longest wait for someone to transition from adult mental health services to older adult services?

Response

1. The table below details the number of those aged 65 and over who received mental health treatment after a referral:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (April 2021 only)
477	606	111

2. The table below details the average waiting times for patients aged 65 and over for mental health treatment:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (April 2021 only)
6 weeks	4 weeks	4 weeks

3. The table below shows the longest waiting time for patients aged 65 and over for mental health treatment:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (April 2021 only)
32 weeks	50 weeks	21 weeks

4. The table below details the number of patients aged 65 and over who received mental health treatment within the 18 week treatment time target:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22 (April 2021 only)
474	586	110

5. Reasons for delays are not recorded, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held.

6. This data is not stored electronically as the original referral date is retained when a patient transitions to a new team. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
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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 **181-21** 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.