

Freedom of Information request 209-21

Request

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could comply with the following request

1. What is the number of inpatients admitted with eating disorder diagnosis by health board of treatment in 2019 and 2020?
2. How many patients admitted to hospital for inpatient care to treat an eating disorder in a) 2016/17, b) 2017/18, c) 2018/19 and d) 2019/20 were readmitted for further treatment within 12 months?
3. What is the a) average wait time for eating disorder patients between referral and treatment and b) what is the longest wait time for eating disorder patients between referral and treatment?

Response

1. The number of patients admitted with an eating disorder diagnosis at NHS Borders in 2019 and 2020 is as follows:

	2019	2020
Number of Individual Patients	<5	<5

2. The number of patients admitted to hospital for inpatient care to treat an eating disorder and then were readmitted for further treatment within 12 months is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Patients who were admitted and readmitted with a Main Diagnosis of Eating Disorder within 365 days	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5

3. As there is no separate service for Eating Disorders at NHS Borders it is not possible to calculate the average waiting times or the longest wait time between referral and treatment as they are not recorded separately from other psychology referrals, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide this information.

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number of admissions is very small, to provide further details 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 in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics that 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.

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 **209-21** 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.