

Freedom of Information request 220-21

Request

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:

Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP
Perplexing Presentation or PP
Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDIoA
Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005

How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?

Response

Please see table below:

	2010	2020	Child Protection Plan	No Further Action
Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII	0	0	n/a	n/a
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP	0	0	n/a	n/a
Perplexing Presentation or PP	0	0	n/a	n/a
Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDIoA	0	<5	n/a	<5
Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005	0	0	n/a	n/a

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board and the number of referrals 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 **220-21** 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.