

## Freedom of Information request 16-22

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### Request

1. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of emergency detention certificates (EDCs) issued to children (under 18s) under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)(Scotland) Act 2003.
2. The total number of individual children subject to EDCs during the following periods:
  - a. 28/02/2019 to 29/02/2020
  - b. 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021
3. In reference to question (1), for each EDC can you provide:

The month and year of the EDC (MM/YYYY)

  - a. Did the detention take place out-of-hours (weekends and 5pm-9am weekdays)
  - b. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands to avoid potential identification):
    - i. 0-5
    - ii. 5-11
    - iii. 12-15
    - iv. 16-17
  - c. The gender of the child
  - d. Ethnicity (if recorded)
  - e. Why the EDC was issued (for example: suicidality, self-harm, etc)
  - f. Was it believed there was a risk. To the health, safety or welfare of the patient (the child)
    - i. To the safety if any other person
    - ii. Both
  - g. Was the child looked after by a local authority?
  - h. Does the detention form include the consent of a Mental Health Officer (MHO)?
  - i. How long was the person subject to the EDC?
4. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of short-term detention certificates (STDCs) issued to children (under 18s) under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)(Scotland) Act 2003.
5. The total number of individual children subject to STDCs during the following periods:
  - a. 28/02/2019 to 29/02/2020
  - b. 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021
6. In reference to question (1), for each STDC can you provide:
  - a. The month and year of the STDC (MM/YYYY)
  - b. Did the detention take place out-of-hours (weekends and 5pm-9am weekdays)
  - c. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands to avoid potential identification):
    - i. 0-5
    - ii. 5-11
    - iii. 12-15
    - iv. 16-17
  - d. The gender of the child
  - e. Ethnicity (if recorded)
  - f. Why the STDC was issued (for example: suicidality, self-harm, etc)
  - g. Was it believed there was a risk. To the health, safety or welfare of the patient (the child)
    - i. To the safety if any other person
    - ii. Both
  - h. Was the child looked after by a local authority?

- i. Does the detention form include the consent of a Mental Health Officer (MHO)?
- j. How long was the person subject to the STDC?

I would like to receive the information electronically in a spreadsheet, with the questions as column headers.

## Response

Please see our response attached:



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Response.xlsx

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 **16-22** 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.