

## Freedom of Information request 30-22

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act I am looking for the most up to date information regarding delayed discharge from hospital for those with disabilities.

1. How many people with learning disabilities currently in hospital, are medically ready to leave but are still waiting to be discharged.
2. Out of those with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged, how many have been waiting for less than a year.
3. Out of those with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged, how many have been waiting for more than a year.
4. Out of those with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged, how many have been waiting for longer than 2 years.
5. Out of those with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged, how many have been waiting for longer than 5 years.
6. Out of those with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged, how many have been waiting for longer than 10 years.

### Response

1. There are currently no inpatients with learning disabilities waiting to be discharged within the mental health wards in NHS Borders.  
Please note under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance that NHS Borders can only identify patients admitted under the specialty of learning disability within the mental health wards. The data for all other acute hospital wards is not held electronically, it may be held in a patient's record, but 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 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.
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](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 **30-22** 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.