

Freedom of Information request 188-22

Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. In this health board, please provide the number of children and young people who were on the waiting list for a neurodevelopmental assessment (NDA) at the end of the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years. Please break this data down by those waiting 0-4 weeks, 4-8 weeks, 8-12 weeks, 12-16 weeks, 16-20 weeks, 20-24 weeks, 24-28 weeks, 28-32 weeks, 32-36 weeks, 36-40 weeks, 40-44 weeks, 44-48 weeks, 48-52 weeks, 52-78 weeks, 78-104 weeks, 104-156 weeks, and 156 weeks +.
2. In this health board, (a) please provide the number of full-time vacancies advertised by the CAMHS Department for the 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18 financial years, and (b) please break this data down by the number of days it took to fill these vacancies.

Response

1. NHS Borders do not hold historical information due to this information not being recorded on EMIS our patient management system, therefore data prior to March 2022 is not held under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002. We have commenced a more accurate recording system in April 2022 whereby at the point of referral the reason for referral is added via a tagging system.

As at 31st March 2022 we had 156 patients on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway.

Below is the referral list shown by the number of weeks waiting as per the categories requested.

As at 31st March 2022	
No of weeks on waiting list	No of Patients
4-8 weeks	16
8-12 weeks	29
12-16 weeks	17
16-20 weeks	17
20-24 weeks	8
24-28 weeks	12
28-32 weeks	4
32-36 weeks	10
36-40 weeks	10
40-44 weeks	8
44-48 weeks	10
48-52 weeks	8
52-53 weeks	5

2. There have been no full time CAMHS vacancies advertised for the years mentioned, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please note were been part time CAMHS vacancies advertised in 2017/18 and 2021/22 as follows:

- 2017/18 – 1 post, 84 days to fill
- 2021/22 – 1 post, 141 days to fill

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 **188-22** 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.