

Freedom of Information request 189-22

Request

Under the FOI Act, I would like to request information regarding your total annual expenditure and average annual expenditure per service user for mental and physical health community nursing and residential care home services.

I am requesting this data for the past 5 financial years (FY2016-17, FY2017-18, FY2018-19, FY2019-20, FY2020-21) broken down by the categories in the list below.

Please note that the subcategories are there both for additional detail if it is available, but also to provide an example of what primary diagnosis/need we are including.

For the categories I am looking to obtain the information for services users whose primary diagnosis falls into each category, but if you have an alternative method of categorisation, I would be happy to receive that with some explanation of your categorisation method.

If the breakdown by subcategories would be unreasonably time-consuming, you may choose to treat it as optional and solely provide information for the categories.

In your reply please also include explanations for each category of what primary diagnosis you have included in those categories.

The categorisations we are interested in obtaining the information for are the below:

- Acquired brain injuries – examples including:
 - o Traumatic brain injury
 - o Strokes
 - o Others
- Neurodegenerative diseases – examples including:
 - o Huntington's disease
 - o Multiple sclerosis
 - o Parkinson's disease
 - o Motor neurone disease
 - o Muscular dystrophy
 - o Cerebral palsy
 - o Other
- Cognitive disorders – examples including:
 - o Early-onset dementia
 - o Severe dementia
 - o Alzheimer's
 - o Other
- Psychotic and personality disorders – examples including:
 - o Psychotic disorders
 - o Personality disorders
- Learning disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Disorder – examples including:
 - o General learning disability
 - o Learning disabilities with autistic spectrum disorder
 - o Autistic spectrum disorder
 - o Complex learning disability (learning disabilities with multiple co-morbidities)
- Physical disabilities – examples including:
 - o Spinal injury
 - o Sensory impairment

Response

NHS Borders do not hold cost data at this level of detail. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance some information on the cost of treating patients within some specialities is available at the following web link: <https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Finance/Costbook/Speciality-Costs/index.asp>

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 **189-22** 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.