

Freedom of Information request 224-22

Request

1. Does NHS Borders currently offer assessments to diagnose Adult ADHD?

If yes, please confirm:
2. if such assessments/diagnosis will be carried out by or made by a NHS Borders or will this be referred/outsourced to a private psychiatrist ie a psychiatrist who is not carrying out the assessment/diagnosis whilst working directly for NHS Borders?
3. If NHS Borders currently employees psychiatrists who are direct employees of NHS Borders; as a clinical psychiatrist and who actively carryout assessments for Adult ADHD within this role and not as a outsourced clinician undertaken this work as a third party. If so, how many?

Response

1. NHS Borders do offer assessments to diagnose Adult ADHD.
2. Assessment can take place by various professionals and diagnosis will be given by a psychiatrist. We would not refer to a private psychiatrist for diagnosis.
3. NHS Borders currently employee 3.4 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Psychiatrists who can actively carry out assessments for Adult ADHD.

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 **224-22** 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.