

## Freedom of Information request 283-22

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### Request

In accordance with The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, please could you provide us with the following information relative to patients of NHS Borders:-

- a) the number of referrals that were made for i) children and ii) adults with cystic fibrosis to see a clinical psychologist, for each year from 2019-2021?
- b) how many and what percentage of referrals for i) children and ii) adults with cystic fibrosis then resulted in a patient with cystic fibrosis being seen within 6 months, for each year from 2019-2021?
- c) what the average waiting time for i) paediatric and ii) adult cystic fibrosis patients referred to a clinical psychologist was for each year from 2019-2021?
- d) how many and what percentage of i) children and ii) adults with cystic fibrosis declined the offer of a clinical psychologist referral, for each year from 2019-2021?

### Response

- a) There were no referrals made for adults with cystic fibrosis to see a clinical psychologist and <5 children referred in the period 2019-2021.
- b) Of the children referred 100% of these were seen within 6 months in the period 2019-2021.
- c) Of the children referred the average wait was 3 months.
- d) No offer of a clinical psychologist referral was declined in the period 2019-2021.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **283-22** 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.