

Freedom of Information request 291-22

Request

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. In this health board, how many beds are there currently available for residential detoxification and rehabilitation? Please also provide the data for the following timestamps: year ending 31 December 2021, year ending 31 December 2020, year ending 31 December 2019, year ending 31 December 2018 and year ending 31 December 2017.
2. In this health board, how much was spent on residential detoxification and rehabilitation during the 2021/22 financial year? Please also provide the data for the financial years 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
3. In this health board, how many admissions for residential detoxification and rehabilitation resulted in a successful completion in the calendar year 2021? i.e. the individual remained in treatment for the planned duration of the programme. Please also provide the data for the following timestamps: year ending 31 December 2020, year ending 31 December 2019, year ending 31 December 2018 and year ending 31 December 2017.
4. In this health board, of those currently admitted for residential detoxification and rehabilitation, how many are repeat admissions? Please provide the data both as a number and also as a percentage of total admissions. Please also provide the data for the following timestamps: year ending 31 December 2021, year ending 31 December 2020, year ending 31 December 2019, year ending 31 December 2018 and year ending 31 December 2017.

Response

1. NHS Borders have 2 allocated beds for alcohol and drug detoxification within our adult acute in patient unit – this has been in place for the time periods requested. We do not have identified residential rehabilitation beds as part of our local service, we commission these when required so unable to give identified number as based on clinical need and requirement rather than set bed allocation.
2. Please find below spend on residential detoxification and rehabilitation during the periods requested:

2021-22	£25,200
2020-21	£5,892
2019-20	£20,507
2018-19	£28,255
2017-18	£8,900
3. With the data we have recorded and hold we can confirm that during 2020-21 <5 people and 2021-22 <5 people successfully remained in treatment for the planned duration.

4. NHS Borders have had no repeat admissions in the time period requested.

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of patients is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also 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.

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 **291-22** 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.