

## Freedom of Information request 384-22

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### Request

1. Can you tell me how many serious adverse event reviews (SAER) there has been in the health board area for the years 2017 to 2022 please.
2. Can I have a breakdown for hospital, department and patients age please.
3. Can I also have any reports pertaining to the SAERs in 2021 - redacted is fine.

### Response

1. Please find below the number of serious adverse event reviews (SAER) there has been in NHS Borders for the years 2017 to 2022:

Year	No. of SAER's
2017	16
2018	17
2019	12
2020	12
2021	12
2022	8

2. Please find below a breakdown of the SAERs:

Location	Number of Events
<b>2017</b>	
Acute - BGH	10
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	4
Primary & Community Services - Community Hospital	2
<b>2018</b>	
Acute - BGH	7
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	7
Primary & Community Services - Community Hospital	3
<b>2019</b>	
Acute - BGH	6
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	3
Primary & Community Services - Community Hospital	3
<b>2020</b>	
Acute - BGH	6
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	6

2021	
Acute - BGH	4
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	7
Primary & Community Services - Community Hospital	1

2022	
Acute - BGH	3
Mental Health - Huntlyburn	4
Primary & Community Services - Community Hospital	1

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of events is very small, and to provide further details of these including department and patient age 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.

3. Please find attached redacted copies of the 6 completed SAER reports for 2021 as requested:



Please note that the remaining 6 SAER reports for 2021 are not currently held as they are not yet complete. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **384-22** 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.