

Freedom of Information request 590-22

Request

1. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to staffing issues in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). The category on the Datix system for this is, we understand, “staffing/inappropriate skills mix” although this may differ between trusts. Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death) as set out in the table below.

STAFFING/INAPPROPRIATE SKILLS MIX (or similar)

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022 (to date)					

2. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). It appears a number of Trusts record two different categories of pressure sores – one for community-acquired sores and the other for hospital-acquired. If possible, please could you report these numbers separately. If that is not possible, then please combine both figures and make us aware of this. Please could you again break the data down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar).

Some Trusts record different grades of pressure ulcer. In this case please could you combine those into one overall figure.

We are aware that systems and data definitions differ between trusts. Some trusts, for example, categorise harm as negligible, minor, moderate, major, extreme. In that case please provide the degree of harm by the nearest categorisation your Trust uses.

If possible, please provide results in the form of a table like this:

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – COMMUNITY ACQUIRED

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022 (to date)					

Response

- The numbers of incidents logged on the NHS Borders adverse event management system covering staffing skill mix unsafe events are:

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	<5	7	<5	0	0
2019	<5	10	<5	0	0
2020	0	9	<5	0	0
2021	0	20	5	0	0
2022 (to date)	0	27	12	0	0

- The numbers of incidents relating to pressure ulcers (sores) are:

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – COMMUNITY ACQUIRED (Developed)

	No harm (Near Miss)	Low (Negligible & Minor)	Moderate (Moderate)	Severe (Major & Extreme)	Death (Extreme)
2018	0	15	19	0	<5
2019	0	24	20	<5	0
2020	0	49	19	<5	0
2021	0	44	5	<5	0
2022 (to date)	0	14	5	17	0

PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – HOSPITAL/TRUST ACQUIRED (Developed – Acute Setting)

	No harm (Near Miss)	Low (Negligible & Minor)	Moderate (Moderate)	Severe (Major & Extreme)	Death (Extreme)
2018	0	95	24	0	<5
2019	0	60	16	<5	<5
2020	0	34	6	0	0
2021	0	34	13	11	0
2022 (to date)	0	39	15	17	<5

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of incidents 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 **590-22** 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.