

Freedom of Information request 603-22

Request

The number of patients within all hospitals within your health board area that have been “boarded out”. I would like this data for each calendar year since 2008 (including 2022 as of 30th Oct).

When I refer to boarding out, I mean both types:

1. Where the patient is not admitted to the appropriate ward at the outset due to shortage of beds/pressures on system.
2. Where the patient, having been treated in the appropriate ward but is then moved to a ward treating different conditions due to shortage of beds/pressures on system.

If possible, please breakdown by “boarding out” type by each calendar year requested. However, if this is not possible, please indicate whether the data you have provided includes both types of boarding out as I have described.

Further, if possible, please provide the number of patients that were boarded out that were over the age of 65 broken down by each calendar year requested.

Response

Please find attached the data as per request:



FOI 603-22 Data.xlsx

Please note that this data has been taken from a snapshot from a Live system and contains all boarded patients which cannot be broken down as requested. We are also unable to provide the number of patients boarded over the age of 65 as this data is not recorded. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

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 **603-22** 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.