

## Freedom of Information request 612-22

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### Request

1. How many children under the age of 18 have been admitted to the health board on mental health grounds and after being sectioned on mental health grounds in each the following years:
  - a. 2022 (January to November)
  - b. 2021 (full year)
  - c. 2020 (full year)
  - d. 2019 (full year)
  - e. 2018 (full year)
2. Of the children under 18 who have been admitted in each of those years how many of them were placed in an adult ward (either an assessment and treatment unit, another adult ward or an adult psychiatric ward) each year?
3. How many of those children under the age of 18 have been recorded as delayed discharge?

### Response

1. Please find below the number of children under the age of 18 who have been admitted to the health board on mental health grounds and after being sectioned on mental health grounds in each the following years:

Year	Total Huntlyburn Admissions	MHA Status	
		Formal	Informal
2022 (1 Jan-31 Oct)	12	<5	8
2021	16	<5	13
2020	<5	<5	<5
2019	11	<5	10
2018	<5		<5

2. Please find below the number of children under 18 who have been admitted to Huntlyburn House, as we do not have specialist mental health children's beds in NHS Borders, all patients are placed in an adult ward:

Year	Total Huntlyburn Admissions
2022 (1 Jan-31 Oct)	12
2021	16
2020	<5
2019	11
2018	<5

3. Please find below the number of children under 18 who were classed as a delayed discharge:

Year	

	Total Delayed Discharge
2022 (1 Jan-31 Oct)	<5
2021	<5
2020	<5
2019	0
2018	0

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 **612-22** 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.