

Freedom of Information request 639-22

Request

1. On average how many days have staff working in Mental Health services been off work due to reasons related to mental health in:
 - i. 2017
 - ii. 2018
 - iii. 2019
 - iv. 2020
 - v. 2021
 - vi. 2022

2. On average how many days have staff working in all services been off work due to reasons related to mental health in:
 - i. 2017
 - ii. 2018
 - iii. 2019
 - iv. 2020
 - v. 2021
 - vi. 2022

Response

1. The average numbers of days staff working in NHS Borders Mental Health services been off work due to reasons related to mental health are:
 - i. 2017 The reporting system does not hold information prior to Q4 2018, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
 - ii. 2018 0 days October – December 2022 only. The reporting system does not hold information prior to Q4 2018, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
 - iii. 2019 425 days
 - iv. 2020 1,191 days
 - v. 2021 1,576 days
 - vi. 2022 826 days

2. The average numbers of days staff working in NHS Borders been off work due to reasons related to mental health are:
- i. 2017 The reporting system does not hold information prior to Q4 2018, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
 - ii. 2018 10 days October – December 2022 only. The reporting system does not hold information prior to Q4 2018, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
 - iii. 2019 3,179 days
 - iv. 2020 10,556 days
 - v. 2021 9,800 days
 - vi. 2022 9,311 days

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 **639-22** 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.