

## Freedom of Information request 21-23

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### Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, and I seek information on Inappropriate Out of Area Placements (OAPs) in Scotland.

This is defined as when a person with acute mental health needs who requires inpatient care is admitted to a unit that does not form part of the usual local network of services.

Please state:

1.The annual number of OAP days in Acute adult mental health care from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

2.The total annual recorded costs for OAP days in Acute adult mental health care from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

3.The total annual number of OAP days with a distance of 100km or less from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

4.The total annual number of OAP days with a distance between 100km and 200km from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

5.The total annual number of OAP days with a distance between 200km or 300km. from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

6.The total annual number of OAP days with a distance of 300km or more from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

7.The total annual number of OAPs that lasted 50 nights or more from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdowns:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

8.The total annual number of inappropriate OAPs that ended from hospitals under your NHS Board. Please supply the following breakdown:

- Starting from 2017 up to year ending December 2022;

9. The furthest distance for an OAP someone has traveled in Acute adult mental health care in hospitals under your NHS Board this year. Please supply the following breakdown;

• Please supply the data up to year ending 31 December 2022

10. The longest stay for an OAP someone had from Acute adult mental health care in hospitals under your NHS Board this year. Please supply the following breakdowns;

• Please supply the data up to year ending 31 December 2021

Please provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet or CSV file.

## Response

Please note the data provided assumes:

- The word 'Inappropriate' suggests that the patient placements are not clinically suitable for the patients. For clarity and purposes of this FOI inappropriate referrals' are seen to mean where there is no National or local Service Level agreement (SLA) in place with the provider the patient has been placed with out of area and not a reference to the clinical necessity.
- The years provided are from NHS financial year from 1st April to 31st March in each year until 2022/23 where the data is available until December 22.
- Only Elective activity for acute mental health is included (not emergency admissions).
- Only NHS Borders funded patients are included Q1-Q6 (excludes NSD funded) to avoid double count.
- Activity does not include patient placements where the main diagnosis and admission is that of learning disability.

Please find data attached in a spreadsheet:



FOI 21-23 Data.xlsx

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 **21-23** 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.