

Freedom of Information request 26-23

Request

I am currently working on an investigation looking into extreme dog breeding and dog attacks.

My colleague Liam McDougall requested information regarding injuries caused by dog attacks back in September 2022. Thank you for providing this information it has been extremely helpful in our research.

I would like to request access to the same information but between the months of September 2022 – December 2022.

Please can you provide me with the following information.

*If possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?

1. The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Board for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
2. How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
3. How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
4. How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Response

1. The numbers of persons who visited NHS Borders A&E for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks between September and December 2022 is:

Age Range	Number of Patients
Under 16	6
16-24	<5
25-44	10
45-64	19
65-74	6
75 and over	0
Not recorded	<5
Total	46

2. The number of persons who required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks between September and December 2022 is:

Age Range	Number of Patients
Under 16	0
16-24	0
25-44	<5
45-64	0
65-74	0
75 and over	0
Total	<5

3. There were no patients who required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks between September and December 2022.
4. There were no deaths caused by dog bites or attacks between September and December 2022.

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.

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 **26-23** 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.