

Freedom of Information request 47-23

Request

1. The number of nurse absences due to stress, anxiety, depression, or other psychiatric illness that were recorded in the last six financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/2023)

Please provide a breakdown of the absences per year.

2. The number of doctor absences due to stress, anxiety, depression or other psychiatric illness that were recorded in the last six financial years (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/2023)

Please provide this information in a separate table to request 1 and please provide a breakdown of absences per year.

Response

1. The number of Nurses absent due to stress, anxiety, depression, or other psychiatric illness is:

	Oct 18 - Mar 19*	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Headcount - Nurses	<5	93	216	231	176

2. The number of Doctors absent due to stress, anxiety, depression, or other psychiatric illness is:

	Oct 18 - Mar 19*	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Headcount - Doctors	0	5	5	9	<5

* Please note: Data for 2018-19 is limited to Oct18 – Mar19 due to the reporting system only holding limited years, therefore the information for Apr18 – Sep18 is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **47-23** 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.