

Freedom of Information request 57-23

Request

1. How many people presented at Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals within your health board in search of mental health support in 2022?
2. How many people presented at Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals within your health board in search of mental health support in 2021?
3. How many people presented at Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals within your health board in search of mental health support in 2020?
4. How many people presented at Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals within your health board in search of mental health support in 2019?
5. How many people presented at Accident and Emergency departments in hospitals within your health board in search of mental health support in 2018?

Response

The numbers of people who presented at the A&E Department at Borders General Hospital for mental health support are:

Question	Year	MH Presentations	Total Unplanned Attendances
1	2022	560	29706
2	2021	515	28010
3	2020	465	26138
4	2019	582	32518
5	2018	544	30885
	Grand Total	2666	147257

Please note: Derived by extracting Main Diagnosis F00 to F99 Mental & behavioural disorder codes and patients with other main diagnosis but was seen by mental health specialist.

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 **57-23** 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.