

Freedom of Information request 68-23

Request

How many people in your health board had their CAMHS referral rejected have been referred again in the six months following their rejection.

Clarification

- What period do you require the information for? e.g., Financial Year 2021/22, Calendar Year 2022

My apologies, could I please have the data for the following years:

2021-2022
2020-2021
2019-2020
2018-2019
2017-2018

Response

The numbers of NHS Borders patients who had their CAMHS referral rejected and were referred again in the six months following their rejection are:

	Number of patients re-referred	Re-referral Result	
		Accepted	Rejected
2021-2022	45	33	12
2020-2021	28	26	<5
2019-2020	38	25	13
2018-2019	42	31	11
2017-2018*	10	5	5

* Please note that we do not have a full set of data for 2017-2018 as during this period, NHS Borders changed the electronic patient recording system, therefore, this information 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 **68-23** 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.