

Freedom of Information request 110-23

Request

How many in-patient mental health beds are there in total within your health board?
(By this I mean overall capacity, which would include both empty beds and occupied beds at the time of this request)

How many in-patient mental health beds were available within your health board as of 1 February 2023?

How many in-patient mental health beds were available within your health board as of 1 February 2022?

How many in-patient mental health beds were available within your health board as of 1 February 2021?

How many in-patient mental health beds were available within your health board as of 1 February 2020?

How many in-patient mental health beds were available within your health board as of 1 February 2019?

Response

The number of in-patient mental health beds within NHS Borders as at 1 February each year is:

2019	63
2020	49
2021	49
2022	49
2023	49

Please note: the reduction in bed numbers is as a result of a redesign of Dementia Services and investment in Community Services in October 2019.

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 **110-23** 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.