

Freedom of Information request 122-23

Request

To ask on how many occasions in the past five years have hospitals or health centres in your area been required to request police attendance.

Could this be broken down by i) year ii) healthcare setting and iii) if the information is held, the reason.

Response

NHS Borders only has access to the data recorded on the adverse events system by staff – there may have been occasions where this information was not recorded.

The number of recorded occasions that police attendance was required is:

	Acute Services	Learning Disabilities Team	Mental Health Services	Primary and Community Services	Support Services	Allied Health Professionals
2018	16	<5	9	8	38	0
2019	13	0	7	5	19	0
2020	5	0	13	<5	24	0
2021	9	0	16	9	14	0
2022	9	0	14	5	19	<5
2023 to 13.02.23	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0

For the 264 recorded events, the following reasons were given:

15 x Absconson

1 x Tobacco/Alcohol/Illicit Substance

248 x Aggression and violence

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 **122-23** 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.