

Freedom of Information request 175-23

Request

This FOI request relates to people admitted to psychiatric inpatient wards who are parents.

By 'inpatient ward' we refer to: any ward that provides primarily psychiatric care, that has provision for overnight use, including locked and unlocked wards; including male, female, and mixed wards; including rehabilitation and forensic wards.

We do not need data relating to wards that are (or were during time period in question) exclusively delivering care to patients with dementia, or exclusively delivering care to older adults, or exclusively delivering care to children and adolescents (CAMHS).

Where possible please provide data on forensic wards separately from other types of ward.

By 'parent', we refer to any individual who has a child/children aged under 18 years (this can include step/foster/adopted/biological children). These parents need not necessarily have current caring responsibility (e.g. their child/children could be in temporary foster care).

We also include as a 'parent' any individual who has any other formal residential caring responsibility for a child aged under 18 years (e.g. where a grandparent has parental responsibility for a grandchild).

We are seeking data covering the period from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2019 inclusive.

Please provide the following data, as far as is reasonably possible:

1. Admissions Data

a. How many individual admissions (for one night or more) were made to each psychiatric inpatient ward in the Trust. This question refers to all patient admissions, not just parents.

If possible, please provide this information disaggregated by ward, and for each ward, please indicate:

- Ward gender type (male/female/mixed)
- Mean age of patients admitted during reporting period

b. How many of the patients reported under 1.a. were parents (as defined above)?

If possible, please provide this information disaggregated by ward, and for each ward, please indicate:

- Ward gender type (male/female/mixed)
- Mean age of patients admitted during reporting period

2. Parental Status Data Collection

a. What data are routinely collected on parental status when inpatients are admitted or during their care? For example, are any of the following recorded: parenthood status, parental responsibility, children's age, involvement of statutory services, where child currently resides? Is any other related information routinely recorded?

3. Trust/ward policies and procedures

a. Please provide copies of Trust policy documents which include reference to the needs of psychiatric inpatients who are parents and their families (e.g. family visit policies).

b. Please provide copies of any internal guidelines/SOPs used by wards to manage child visits to wards.

c. Please provide a copy of each inpatient ward induction/welcome pack for inpatients.

- d. Please provide a copy of any written information provided to carers of inpatients.
 - e. Please provide a copy of information provided to the carers of children of inpatients while they are inpatients (e.g. foster carer, grandparent).
 - f. Please provide a copy of any information provided to child(ren) of inpatients.
- For items a-f, please state if no such materials exist.

4. Child visits.

- a. During the reporting period, how many parents received at least one visit from their child/ren during their inpatient ward admission?
- b. During the reporting period, how many individual visits were made by children to inpatient psychiatric wards?

5. Family-friendly facilities

- a. Please provide a description of any family visit room(s) on each inpatient ward (include details of fixtures and fittings).
- b. For each family room, state whether it is used solely for the purpose of family visits.
- c. Please provide a photograph of each family room (a snapshot from a phone is fine).

Response

- 1.
 - a. Between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019, the number of individual admissions made to NHS Borders Psychiatric Inpatients wards, by gender, and including the mean age, is:

	Male	Mean Age (years)	Female	Mean Age (years)
East Brig	63	45	14	48
Huntlyburn	250	42	263	42

- b. This information is not held electronically. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide.
- 2. On admission, NHS Borders routinely collect parental status, parental responsibility, child's age, date of birth and who is looking after them. Huntlyburn complete the following documents:



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- 3.
 - a. NHS Borders does not have a policy document which include reference to the needs of psychiatric inpatients who are parents and their families.
 - b. There are no internal guidelines/SOP's that are used to manage child visits to Psychiatric Inpatient wards. However, at East Brig, patients / families are asked to make the Nurse in charge aware of a child visiting and visits take place in the quiet room or garden space.
 - c. East Brig provides the attached Patient Information leaflet and Huntlyburn provides the attached Information for Patients and Carers leaflet :



East Brig Patient
Information Leaflet.pc



Information for
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- d. Huntlyburn provides the Information for Patients and Carers leaflet above and East Brig provides the attached Information for Carers and Relatives leaflet:



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- e. Huntlyburn and East Brig do not have written information for the carers of children of Inpatients.
- f. Huntlyburn and East Brig do not have written information for the children of Inpatients.
4. NHS Borders does not record child visits in the patient record system and does not monitor or record this in a way that can be extrapolated from our patient electronic case notes, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

5. Huntlyburn

- a. The family visiting room is away from the main ward and bedrooms, although it is still accessed through the main entrance to the ward. It is a large room with 2 large windows overlooking the grounds. It contains a television, dvd player, games console, pool table, table tennis, piano, board games, children's toys, bean bags, sofa's, chairs.
- b. This room is not solely used for family visiting, patients can use this as they wish when the room not in use by visitors.
- c. Please see attached photos:



Huntlyburn
Photos.pdf

East Brig

- a. The East Brig quiet room is a windowed room with reclining chairs, bean bag, fish tank, water filter, beach themed pictures/decorations. Visitors are also welcome to sit outside in the garden area – our chickens are very popular with visiting children.
- b. This room is not solely used for family visits - we have very few visitors and for this reason the room is used for patients to relax in a quieter area.
- c. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **175-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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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.