

Freedom of Information request 187-23

Request

1. How many patients have presented at A&E reporting perimenopausal or menopausal symptoms? Please break down by month since January 2018.
2. How many GP practices currently employ a healthcare professional with a special interest in menopause? Please also represent as a percentage of the total number of GP practices within the health board area.

Response

1. Between January 2018 and February 2023, a total of 15 patients presented at A&E reporting perimenopausal or menopausal symptoms. The breakdown is shown in the table below:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	<5	-	-	-	-
March	<5	-	<5	-	-	
April	<5	-	-	-	-	
May	-	-	-	-	-	
June	<5	-	<5	-	-	
July	-	-	-	-	-	
August	-	-	<5	<5	-	
September	<5	<5	-	-	-	
October	-	-	<5	-	<5	
November	-	-	-	-	-	
December	-	-	-	-	<5	

2. All GP Practices in the Scottish Borders are independent contractors and not managed by NHS Borders. This information can be accessed by contacting the GP Practices directly, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

Under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A information on all GP practices within the Borders area is available at: <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/a-z/g/>

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 **187-23** 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.