

Freedom of Information request 227-23

Request

I would be grateful for the following information broken down by year for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

1. The number of ADHD assessment referrals for children and young people received by Psychiatric teams in your health board.
2. How many of these referrals were accepted.

and

3. The number of ADHD assessment referrals for adults received by Psychiatric teams in your health board.
4. How many of these referrals were accepted.

For clarity, by 'accepted' I mean the patient then went on to be invited for assessment by the Psychiatric team.

Response

1. and 2. NHS Borders records ADHD referrals for children and young people under the category of Neurodevelopmental Assessment. These assessments could be for reasons other than ADHD, e.g., Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Learning Disability (LD). Therefore, the number of ADHD assessment referrals 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.
3. NHS Borders does not hold information regarding ADHD referrals for adults 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.
4. Adult patients referred for ADHD assessments are accepted on to the waiting list if they have a co-morbidity as well as potential ADHD; and therefore meet the criteria for secondary care. However, these accepted referrals are not marked as assessments specifically for ADHD, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Note: If an adult has potential undiagnosed ADHD only, they are given a self-help resource pack and discharged and do not appear on waiting lists as accepted referrals.

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 **227-23** 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.