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Freedom of Information request 309-23

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding adult neurological and mental health services. **Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying Excel spreadsheet.**

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the terms 'neurological' and 'neurological disorders', please include; brain injury (including acquired brain injury and traumatic brain injury), spinal injury, neuro-disabilities (including but not limited to Parkinson's disease, early-onset dementia, multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease, cerebral palsy and epilepsy), stroke, neurobehavioural rehabilitation and cognitive rehabilitation. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.

For the avoidance of doubt, when referring to the term 'mental health needs', please include; anxiety, depression, personality disorder, severe affective disorders, schizophrenia, and mental ill-health that causes challenging behaviour, all of which are to such a degree that the person experiences significant impairment and as such is unable to care for themselves independently. This list is meant as a guide and is by no means exhaustive.



Clarification

1. Are you looking for patients being treated only within NHS Borders or including patients being treated out of area?

Yes, please include out of area placements.

2. Questions 7 – 10 relate to Neurological Disorders, but on part d. of each question you are asking for inpatients Mental Health hospital beds which is already covered in Q1-6 – can you confirm this is correct, or clearly advise otherwise?

Apologies, for questions 7 onwards we are referring to inpatient beds other than mental health beds.

Response

Please find attached the response for NHS Borders:



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 **309-23** 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, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.