

## Freedom of Information request 312-23

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### Request

I am emailing with a Freedom of Information request, regarding digital discharge summaries. My query is:

Where a freetext search is possible, how many digital discharge summaries included any of the terms "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" over the past 5 calendar years, and the year to date. Please provide data for each year:-

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2022
- 6) 2023 - latest available data - please specify period

### Clarification

• Definition of "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" – Please can you provide a definition of "spiked", "spike" or "spiking"? For instance, people being injected with drugs without consent or people having drugs etc put into their drink/food without consent, or some other definition.

To clarify, the definition of "spiked", "spike", or "spiking" is any instance where someone has had drugs put into them without their consent. This includes spiking via needle, drinks spiking, and any other instance of spiking (including via food).

### Response

The number of digital discharge summaries that have been produced that contain the terms "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" are as follows:

<b>2018</b>	185
<b>2019</b>	155
<b>2020</b>	129
<b>2021</b>	164
<b>2022</b>	166
<b>2023 to date</b>	59

Please note these may not all be relevant to drug/food spikes as the term itself has been searched for not the context. The data may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all relevant 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.

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](mailto: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 **312-23** 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.