

Freedom of Information request 331-23

Request

1. Do hospitals in your health board have a mental health worker resident in their accident and emergency departments as standard?
2.
 - a. How many hospitals in your health board had a mental health clinician resident in their accident and emergency departments as of 30 March 2023? Please also provide this information for 30 March 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
 - b. How many hospitals in your health board had a mental health link worker resident in their accident and emergency departments as of 30 March 2023? Please also provide this information for 30 March 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

Response

1. NHS Borders does not have a resident Mental Health worker in the Accident and Emergency department.
2.
 - a. NHS Borders has not had a resident Mental Health Clinician in the Accident and Emergency department between 2019 and 2023.
 - b. NHS Borders has not had resident Mental Health Link Workers in the Accident and Emergency department between 2019 and 2023.

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 **331-23** 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.