

## Freedom of Information request 361-23

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### Request

I would like to know:

1. The number of referrals in to your neurodevelopmental services for children and young people for 2017, 2021 and 2022.
2. The average wait in weeks for a first assessment/appointment within your neurodevelopmental services for children and young people for 2017, 2021 and 2022.
3. The number of children and young people waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment as of the date of this request or the nearest available date please.
4. The number of children and young people referred to your neurodevelopmental services who were discharged without an assessment or treatment for 2017, 2021 and 2022 please.
5. The longest wait in weeks of any CYP awaiting a first appointment with your neurodevelopmental services as of the date of this request or nearest available date.

If you do not offer neurodevelopmental assessments, please could you tell me who does in your area.

### Response (all questions)

NHS Borders do not routinely categorise patients referred to CAMHS – referrals are received with general information only and at the point of first assessment a treatment plan would be established. After a comprehensive range of assessments, CAMHS would reach a formal diagnosis. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **361-23** 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.

