

## Freedom of Information request 381-23

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### Request

1. For each of the last five years (2019-2023) a breakdown of spending by NHS Borders on private providers for mental health services for patients.
2. The names of the companies used and what services they provide
3. The number of patients referred to each of these companies broken down by whether they are an adult referral or child referrals through CAMHS.

### Response

NHS Borders endeavours to promote where possible the provision of health care within locally available services or local commissioned services. This is to protect and sustain local services to the benefit of all Borders residents.

Healthcare professionals who feel their patients require seeing or treating by providers out with available or already commissioned services including Private Providers can do so by making a request through NHS Borders Extra Contractual Referral (ECR) Panel.

1. Spending by NHS Borders on private providers for mental health services for patients is:

2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
£	199,438	£	235,890	£	735,979	£	895,402	£	481,884

2. The companies used are:

- Elysium Healthcare, Arbury Court
- Elysium Healthcare, Gateway, Widnes
- Elysium Healthcare, Victoria
- PIC Ayr Clinic

Please note: NHS Borders do not record the specific services provided by these companies beyond Mental Health Private Placements, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

3. The number of patients treated are:

<b>Elysium Healthcare, Arbury Court</b>	<5
<b>Elysium Healthcare, Gateway, Widnes</b>	<5
<b>Elysium Healthcare, Victoria</b>	<5
<b>PIC Ayr Clinic</b>	<5
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

All the patients above were adults.

Please Note:

- Some patient treatment may extend over more than one year, but would be counted as 1 patient
- NHS Borders does not record the number of patients referred to private providers, 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 **381-23** 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.