

Freedom of Information request 384-23

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, can your organisation reveal the number of hospitalisations that happened in the NHS Borders area between 2007 and 2022 as a result of dog attacks (or more specifically dog bites)? If so, can you break down the data including age range & gender across the health board?

Response

The number of inpatients who were treated for being bitten or struck by a dog is:

	Under 16	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
2007	<5						<5
2008				<5			<5
2009				<5			<5
2010			<5				<5
2011		<5		<5	<5		5
2012	<5			<5		<5	8
2013	<5				<5		<5
2014	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		6
2015	<5	<5	<5	5	<5	<5	16
2016	<5			5	<5	<5	11
2017	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		9
2018	<5			<5	<5	<5	6
2019	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	10
2020	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	9
2021	<5		<5	<5	<5		6
2022			<5	<5	<5		5
Total	22	9	13	31	14	11	100

The number of those patients in the first table who are female is:

	Under 16	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
2007	<5						<5
2008				<5			<5
2009				<5			<5
2010							
2011				<5			<5
2012				<5		<5	5
2013					<5		<5
2014	<5	<5	<5		<5		5
2015	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	11
2016				<5	<5	<5	5
2017			<5	<5			<5
2018	<5			<5	<5	<5	5
2019		<5	<5	<5		<5	5
2020	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	6
2021	<5			<5			<5
2022			<5	<5	<5		<5
Total	7	5	6	19	9	10	56

The number of those patients in the first table who are male is:

	Under 16	16-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 and over	Total
2007	<5						<5
2008							
2009							
2010			<5				<5
2011		<5		<5	<5		<5
2012	<5						<5
2013	<5						<5
2014				<5			<5
2015		<5	<5	<5			5
2016	<5			<5			6

2017	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		7
2018				<5			<5
2019	<5		<5	<5	<5		5
2020	<5					<5	<5
2021	<5		<5	<5	<5		<5
2022					<5		<5
Total	15	<5	7	12	5	<5	44

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **384-23** 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.