

Freedom of Information request 391-23

Request

The defined daily doses of CNS stimulants and other drugs used for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and the number of patients being treated with them over the last ten years, broken down by age and gender.

(Five years if ten would exceed the cost of compliance limits)

Gender	2022/2023	
	Defined Daily Doses	Number of Patients
Male		
Female		
Total		

Age Group	2022/2023	
	Defined Daily Doses	Number of Patients
0 - 4		
5 - 9		
10 - 14		
15 - 19		
20 - 24		
25 - 29		
30 - 34		
35 - 39		
40 - 44		
45 - 49		
50 - 54		
55 - 59		
60 - 64		
65 - 69		
70 - 74		
75 - 79		
80 - 84		
85 +		

[Clarification](#)

- Specifically which drugs please? “other” drugs is too vague and we would be unable to provide data within the limits

Also, a note that Daily Defined Dose as a measure has to be ‘hand built’ per drug per strength, therefore the time to complete this report would be out with the cost of compliance and we would be unable to provide. A suggestion, if this query is going to each Health Board, it may be better to request this data from Public Health Scotland to get one answer or run the risk of the comparing “apples and oranges”.

All the drugs would be ATOMOXETINE, CAFFEINE CITRATE, DEXAMFETAMINE SULPHATE, GUANFACINE HYDROCHLORIDE, LISDEXAMFETAMINE DIMESYLATE and METHYLPHENIDATE HYDROCHLORIDE.

If Daily Defined Dose as a measure would be out with the time of compliance, could the information please be supplied as number of items along with the number of patients as requested?

Response

Please find attached the response for NHS Borders:



FOI 391-23 Response
Data.xlsx

Please note: There has been no prescribing of Caffeine Citrate.

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 **391-23** 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.