

Freedom of Information request 426-23

Request

I would be grateful if you could give me information regarding discharged psychiatric inpatients in your health board for the financial year 2022/23 (broken down by quarter if possible):

1. The number of discharged psychiatric inpatients
2. The number of discharged psychiatric inpatients that received a follow up from community mental health services:
 - a. Within seven calendar days?
 - b. Within fourteen calendar days?
 - c. Within twenty-one calendar days or longer?
3. What is the longest period of time a psychiatric inpatient has waited to receive a follow up appointment from community mental health services?

Response

Please find below the response for NHS Borders:

Question	2022/23			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. No of discharged psychiatric inpatients	33	54	53	54
2a. Follow up community appointment within 7 days	33	52	48	52
2b. Follow up community appointment within 14 days	33	53	52	52
2c. Follow up community appointment within 21 days or longer	33	54	53	54
3. Longest wait for community appointment (days)	7	32	22	16

Please note: This data covers patients who were discharged from NHS care and who were eligible for a community follow-up appointment.

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 **426-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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