

Freedom of Information request 453-23

Request

1.a. How many hospital admissions have been linked to vaping (where vaping or a vaping related disorder is the primary or secondary diagnosis) in the last five financial years?

Please provide the number of primary diagnoses and the number of secondary diagnoses for each year: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

1.b. How many of the admissions each year were children (aged under 18)?

1.c. Can you provide a breakdown of ages/age bands for the child admissions in each year?

2.a. How many deaths have been linked to vaping or a vaping related disorder?

Please provide the number of primary diagnoses and the number of secondary diagnoses for each year: 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23.

2.b. How many of the deaths each year were children (aged under 18)?

2.c. Can you provide a breakdown of ages/age bands for the child deaths in each year?

Response

1a NHS Borders has no recorded admissions/discharges for U07.0 Vaping Related Disorder in primary or secondary diagnoses for the years 2018'19 to 2022'23

1b Not applicable

1c Not applicable

2a NHS Borders has no recorded admissions/discharges therefore no hospital deaths for U07.0 Vaping Related Disorder

2b Not applicable

2c Not applicable

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 **453-23** 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.