

Freedom of Information request 531-23

Request

The numbers total of patients under the age of 25 who have been prescribed antidepressants in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients prescribed antidepressants						

Antidepressants in this instance refers to any of the following classifications of drugs: SSRIs, SNRIs, NASSAs, TCAs, SARIs, MAOIs.

Response

The total number of NHS Borders patients under the age of 25 who have been prescribed antidepressants is:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients prescribed antidepressants	1385	1452	1275	1318	1340	877

Notes:

Patient age determined at 00:00:00 of 12/7 of each year specified.

Prescribed data used.

Assuming the categories include the following (list from Google – not all drugs have been prescribed within Board):

SSRI	citalopram
	dapoxetine
	escitalopram
	fluoxetine
	fluvoxamine
	paroxetine
	sertraline
	vortioxetine
NASSA	Mianserin
	Mirtazapine
TCA	Amitriptyline
	Amoxapine

	Desipramine
	Doxepin
	Imipramine
	Nortriptyline
	Protriptyline
	Trimipramine
SARI	Nefazodone
	Trazodone
MAOI	Isocarboxazid
	Phenelzine
	selegiline
	tranylcypromine

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