

Freedom of Information request 536-23

Request

I am looking for information on specific Risk Assessment Tools used by Mental Health Services, Social Work Services and CAMHS services across Scotland and have been advised that a Freedom of Information Request is the quickest and best way of accessing such information.

The information I would like to find out about is:

1. What tools are used by mental health services in your health board area;
2. Are your Mental Health Services using validated tools or locally developed or amended tools;
3. Same questions in relation to CAMHS services;
4. Same question in relation to SW departments;
5. Are there statistics available to show what, if any, formal risk training has been offered in your area.

Clarification

Is your request only regarding Risk Assessment Tools for clinical risk, or is it including all aspects: corporate risk and individual risks to a patient (e.g. moving and handling, falls, aggression and violence, etc.) and so on?

My request is specifically about clinical risk assessment tools for clinical risk, not moving and handling, etc

Response

1. NHS Borders is in the process of changing the risk assessment tool used by Mental Health; currently we use the Borders risk assessment tool, and we are testing the Ayrshire and Arran risk assessment framework.
2. The Borders risk assessment tool was locally developed, and the Ayrshire and Arran risk assessment framework was developed by NHS Ayrshire and Arran.
3. CAMHS use the same assessment tool as Mental Health, therefore the information is the same as for Questions 1 & 2.
4. Mental Health Social Work use the same assessment tool as Mental Health, therefore the information is the same as for Questions 1 & 2.
5. NHS Borders does not collect data on number of staff trained in using specific risk assessment tools, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **536-23** 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.