

Freedom of Information request 538-23

Request

1. Number of patients that have been referred to addiction services, divided by source of referral since 1 January 2023 (e.g 12 referred by GP etc)
2. Number of self-referrals since 1 January 2023
3. Number of patients who are still awaiting an appointment that were referred after 1 January 2023, sorted by source of referral (including self-referrals)
4. Number of patients that have received an appointment with addiction services after being referred after 1 January 2023, sorted by source of referral (including self-referral)
5. Number of patients who have self-referred or been referred twice or more to addiction services over the last 5 years

Response

1. There were 319 patients referred to addiction services between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023:

Automated System Referral	20
Community Mental Health	5
Drug Court	5
Family Concerned Other	7
GP	34
Hospital – Not A&E	<5
Older Peoples Services	13
Other – Not Listed	14
Primary Care	34
Third Sector	<5
Social Work	<5
Specialist Substance Misuse Service	<5
Self-Referral	177
Totals	319

2. There were 177 self-referrals to addiction services between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023.

3. There are no patients are awaiting an appointment from referrals in this period.
4. There were 306 patients who received an appointment with addiction services:

Automated System Referral	14
Community Mental Health	5
Drug Court	5
Family Concerned Other	7
GP	32
Hospital – Not A&E	<5
Older Peoples Services	13
Other – Not Listed	14
Primary Care	34
Third Sector	<5
Social Work	<5
Specialist Substance Misuse Service	<5
Self-Referral	174
Totals	306

5. Due to change in the national database which collect this information, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **538-23** 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.