

Freedom of Information request 624-23

Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I would appreciate the information presented in Excel format.

In your health board:

1. How many people are currently employed to conduct autism diagnoses?
2. How many people **under** 18 are currently awaiting an autism diagnosis? Please break these results down by area.
3. Of these people, what is the longest time someone has been on this waiting list?
4. What is the average wait time for those currently on this list?
5. How many people **over** 18 are currently awaiting an autism diagnosis? Please break these results down by area.
6. Of these people, what is the longest time someone has been on this waiting list?
7. What is the average wait time for those currently on this list?
8. How many **requests/referrals** were there for an autism diagnosis from 2018 to 2023 inclusive? Please break these results down by year and area.
9. How many people were **successfully seen** for an autism diagnosis from 2018 to 2023 inclusive? Please break these results down by year and area.
10. Of the above people, can you confirm how many were **diagnosed** with autism.
11. What was the average wait time from initial referral to diagnosis for successful requests for the years 2018 to 2023 inclusive? Please break these results down by year and area.

Response

Please find attached the response from NHS Borders:



FOI 624-23 Response
Data.xlsx

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 **624-23** 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.