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## Freedom of Information request 675-23

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### Request

1. In this health board, how many mental health patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for the financial year 2022/23.
2. In this health board, where mental health patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, what was the average distance of the transfer during the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for the financial year 2022/23.
3. In this health board, where mental health patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, what was the furthest transfer in miles during the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for the financial year 2022/23.
4. In this health board, where mental health patients were transferred from hospitals in Scotland to hospitals and other settings in England and Wales, please provide a reason why that transfer took place. For instance, was it because of a lack of beds?
5. In this health board, what was the total cost associated with transferring mental health patients from hospitals in Scotland to other settings in England and Wales in the financial year 2023/24? Please also provide the data for the financial year 2022/23.

### Response

1. NHS Borders have not transferred any Mental Health patients from Scottish hospitals to other settings in England or Wales within 2022/23 or 2023/24 (up to August 2023).
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A

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](mailto: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 **675-23** 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.