

Freedom of Information request 201-15

Request

1. What percentage of your total budget is spent on mental health services?
2. What percentage of your mental health service budget is spent on services for people over the age of 65?
3. What is the total population of the area covered by your Health Board?
4. What percentage of the population is over the age of 65 in the area covered by your Health Board?

Response

1. In 2014/15, 5.9% of the overall NHS Borders budget was spent on Mental Health Services.
2. In 2014/15, 31.3% of the overall Mental Health Service budget was spent on **direct clinical Mental Health Older Adult services** (excluding Management and Admin support costs).

It should be noted that for NHS Borders, the threshold for Mental Health Older Adults services is 70 or above (not 65). It would not be possible to provide the cost of delivering services to every patient greater than 65 as our finance system does not capture information in such a way.
3. The total population of the area covered by NHS Borders is 116,563 patients.
4. The percentage of this total over the age of 65 is 22.8%.

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 **201-15** 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.