

RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 118 – Mental Health Treatment Outwith Orkney

Your Query	Date of Request	June 2017												
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<div>1. See below breakdown by year for adult mental health patients. Please note that NHS Orkney is a remote and rural health board that operates one hospital, the Balfour Hospital, which does not have inpatient psychiatric facilities. As a result all patients who require this care are sent to inpatient facilities hosted by NHS Grampian.</div> <div>We are unable to provide further breakdown as due to the small size of the Orkney population and the very small number of patients relevant to the above request the data is potentially patient identifiable. It is therefore exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.</div> <table><tr><th>Year (Calendar)</th><th>Number of admissions to mental health IP unit</th></tr><tr><td>2012</td><td>37</td></tr><tr><td>2013</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>37</td></tr><tr><td>2015</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>2016</td><td>46</td></tr></table>			Year (Calendar)	Number of admissions to mental health IP unit	2012	37	2013	30	2014	37	2015	40	2016	46
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I hope this helps with your request.



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