| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2646Responded to: 11 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

1. **How many reports have been made to Police Scotland of sexual assaults which are alleged to have taken place at Borders General Hospital, Melrose since January 1st 2019?**

There have been 2 reports of Sexual Assault at Borders General Hospital, Melrose between 1st January 2019 – 31st July 2024.

1. **How many reports have been made to Police Scotland of rape which are alleged to have taken place at Borders General Hospital, Melrose since January 1st 2019?**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

I can advise that within the time period noted that there were no reports of rape at the location specified.

1. **How many of the above points 1 and 2 were reported to have taken place on a hospital ward?**

With regards to the 2 reported crimes mentioned above, I can confirm the free text of each record has been reviewed, with neither incident taken place on a hospital ward.

**4. How many people have been charged with sexual assault/rape re. 1 and 2 above?**

Of the 2 crimes reported, I can advise that both are detected crimes.
Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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