Freedom of Information request 255-16

Request

1. How much from the new medicines fund has your HB been allocated 2014 -15 and 2015 - 2016
2. What was the amount spent from the fund financial year 2014-15, 15-16 and to date
3. What is the process to access the fund?
4. What are the current criteria for determining access to the fund
5. How are IPTR’s funded?
6. What was spent on IPTRs 2014-15, 15-16
7. The number of IPTRs requested, the number approved

Response

1. NHS Borders received a funding allocation of £1.01m in 2014/15 and £1.78m in 2015/16 from the Scottish Government.

2. The amount spent from the New Medicine Fund is not categorised separately within the Finance system, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

3&4 NHS Borders utilise the New Medicines Fund allocation from the Scottish Government inline with SMC approved drugs.

5. IPTRs are funded through the NHS Borders prescribing budget.

6. The IPTR spend is not categorised separately within the Finance system and not all of the data is held by NHS Borders. To obtain this data would require a manual trawl of more than one system and an individual’s medical record and to carry out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we cannot provide.

7. Please find below the number of IPTRs requested and approved:

   2014/15 – 46 requested, 41 approved
   2015/16 – 28 requested, 22 approved

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 255-16 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.