

Freedom of Information request 11-17

Request

Facilities and expenditure for obese patients.

1. How many specially designed beds for obese patients does the board have in its hospitals?
2. How many of these beds did the board have in the last financial year (2015-16)?
3. How much has the board spent on facilities for obese patients in this financial year (2016-17) and the previous financial year (2015-16)?
4. What other facilities for obese patients has the board spent money on, including reinforced trolleys and extra large doorways and toilet facilities?

Response

1. NHS Borders does not purchase bariatric equipment. When Bariatric equipment is required this is acquired on a rental basis.

Currently we have no Bariatric beds on hire.

2. In 2015/16 NHSB rented 30 Bariatric Beds throughout the year.
3. Please find below the rental spend for bariatric equipment in the years requested:

2015/16 (Rentals Spend) = £133,296
2016/17 (Rentals Spend) = £18,434

4. NHS Borders have not hired any re-inforced trolleys or had to widen any doors or toilet facilities.

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 **11-17** 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.

