

Freedom of Information request 21-17

Request

1. Details of all doctors/consultants/surgeons, whose home address is listed as being outside Scotland and who have been employed on a temporary basis by your health board in the past year (January 2016 - December 2016, inclusive).

In your response, please tell me: the employee's title, their home country, the length of time they were employed by your health board, the reason they were drafted in from outside Scotland, the total amount in wages paid to the employee and any supplementary costs footed by the health board (for example, accommodation, flights, taxis, etc).

2. Details of how many patients were discharged from hospitals during the night (11pm to 6am) in the past year (January 2016 - December 2016, inclusive).

Please break down the figures by hospital, if possible.

3. Details of how many children (under 18s) were taken to A&E departments in the past year (January 2016 - December 2016, inclusive) suffering from alcohol or drug-related conditions. Please provide a break down for both alcohol conditions and drug conditions, and also provide a breakdown of how many of those children were of primary school age (under 12). If possible, please tell me the youngest patient for each category.

Response

1. NHS Borders have employed 6 doctors with a home address listed outwith Scotland during the period of time specified.

Title	Home Address	Employment Duration
Locum Specialty Doctor	England	12 months
Locum Specialty Doctor	England	10 months
Locum Specialty Doctor	Republic of Ireland	12 months
Locum Consultant	England	12 months
Locum Consultant	England	2 months
Locum Specialty Registrar	Republic of Ireland	2 months

All were employed as they applied for an advertised locum post and were the successful candidates. The locum posts were advertised to cover temporary requirements due to maternity/paternity leave, vacancies, secondment and long term sick leave.

Salaries and allowances paid are in line with the NHS pay circular PCS(DD)2016/1 and PCS(DD)2015/1 (prior to April 2016) which can be found on <http://www.scot.nhs.uk/publications/>

2. Please find below discharges between 11pm and 6am: January 2016 to December 2016:

<u>Month</u>	<u>BGH</u>	<u>Kelso Hospital</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	6		6

February	7		7
March	9		9
April	8		8
May	13		13
June	7		7
July	9		9
August	10	<5	14
September	4		<5
October	7		7
November	<5	<5	5
December	<5		<5
Total	88	5	93

Notes:

This report excludes:-

Discharges with a length of stay of 0 days – mostly emergency admissions for assessment through A&E and maternity discharges who opt for discharge after 6 hours.

Patients self discharging against clinical advice

Transfers between hospitals.

Deaths

Source: TrakCare

3. Please find below A&E Attendances with alcohol or drug related conditions (Under 18s): January 2016 to December 2016:

Disease Code	Under 18	Grand Total
F100 Mental And Behavioural Disorders Due To Acute Intoxication With Alcohol	21	21
F109 Mental And Behavioural Disorders Due To Use Of Alcohol, Unspecified	<5	<5
F1171 Residual & Late-Onset Personality/Behav Disorder Due To Use Of Opioids	<5	<5

No patients under 12

Source: AE2

Notes:

Extracted using alcohol and drug related codes F10 to F19 (excluding F17 tobacco), K704, T519 & Z721

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of incidents is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol.

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 **21-17** 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.