

Freedom of Information request 29-17

Request

1. How much has the health board spent – broken down by year - in the past five years on mesh implants for transvaginal procedures?
2. How much has the health board spent on transvaginal mesh reversal procedures?
3. How much has the health board spent on transvaginal mesh implant procedures?

Response

1. The following table details the total expenditure on mesh implants incurred by NHS Borders:

Financial Year	Total spend on mesh implants for transvaginal procedures
2016/17 to date	No expenditure
2015/16	£5,060
2014/15	No expenditure
2013/14	£28,336
2012/13	£76,856

2. No expenditure has been incurred on transvaginal mesh reversal procedures in the period detailed.
3. The Board does not separately identify costs at a 'procedure' level and we are therefore unable to provide the information to this question.

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 **29-17** 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.