

Freedom of Information request 34-17

Request

1. The number of NHS employed consultants who also work in the private sector. Could you please break this down to show specialty/department. And which private health firms they work for.
2. The number of NHS doctors who also work in the private sector. Could you please break this down to show specialty/department. And which private health firms they work for.
3. The number of NHS surgeons who also work in the private sector. Could you please break this down to show specialty/department. And which private health firms they work for.
4. Can you please provide any guidance which is given to consultants/doctors/surgeons regarding working in the private sector. For example, but not limited, the hours which can be worked privately, do they have to work a specific amount of NHS hours before being able to work privately, etc.

Response

1. In the most recent job planning round 23 consultants declared their intention to undertake private work. We do not hold information on the private facilities they have worked for or currently work for.

Given the low numbers of consultants in a specialty or department who have declared their intention undertake private work, this information is withheld as it is personally identifiable under Section 38(1)(a) of the FOI(S)A 2002.

2. In the most recent job planning round <5 other doctors declared their intention to undertake private work. We do not hold information on the private facilities they have worked for or currently work for.
3. 14 of the 24 consultants and other doctors above work in surgical specialities.
4. This information is contained in NHS Circular: PCS(DD)2004/2 (New Consultant Contract) available from Scottish Health on the Web website at <http://www.scot.nhs.uk/sehd/pcs>

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 **34-17** 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.