

Freedom of Information request 91-17

Request

1. The total amount spent by the trust for each of the last five financial years (and the current to 17/02/2017) on the use of private ambulance contractors.
2. For each financial year, please provide a) the individual amount paid to every contractor. b) The type of work carried out by the contractor.

Response

Financial Year	Total expenditure
2012/13	£77,451
2013/14	£86,914
2014/15	£81,726
2015/16	£107,031
2016/17 to 31.01.17	£82,072

The Board uses one supplier for Private Ambulance - ABC Ambulance Services Ltd.

The above table details the expenditure incurred by NHS Borders each financial year on Private Ambulances.

The Board utilises Private Ambulances to provide transport for patients.

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 **91-17** 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.