

Freedom of Information request 109-17

Request

1. To ask what the health board spent on locums, including agency locums, over the last 5 years?
2. To ask what the health board's annual expenditure on gifts in the last five years?

Response

1. Please find detailed below the total expenditure incurred on Agency staff across all staff groups by NHS Borders in the last 5 financial years 2012/13 to 2016/17 to December 2016.

2012/13 £2,075,145
2013/14 £4,044,506
2014/15 £2,976,651
2015/16 £3,707,952
2016/17 to Dec 2016 £3,193,384

NHS Borders Temporary Fixed Term Locum Costs* in these years were:

2012/13 £325,205
2013/14 £780,498
2014/15 £1,150,693
2015/16 £1,355,791
2016/17 to Dec 2016 £832,057

* Temporary Fixed Term Locums are identified as staff holding a fixed term contract who have been appointed on a locum salary scale with NHS Borders. This applies only to medical staff.

2. The Board has not incurred costs providing gifts to individuals, excluding patients, during the 5 year period 2012/13 to 2016/17 (to January 2017).

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 **109-17** 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.

