

Freedom of Information request 149-17

Request

1. Mental Health Link Workers

Please provide details of the total number of mental health link workers who are either employed or contracted by the NHS Board and who have responsibility for primary and secondary schools. Please include in this information i) the total number of workers, and/or the Full Time Equivalent figures, ii) how many schools take up these services in each year since 2010, iii) the job title of the workers and iv) a brief description of their role.

2. School Counsellors

Please provide details of the total number of school counsellors or other counselling services which are provided by the NHS Board to primary and secondary schools. For schools where counselling services are available, please outline if the service is delivered by the NHS Board itself, or contracted out to a third party, and what the criteria are for a pupil to be seen by the service. Please also tell me the total number, and/or Full Time Equivalent figures, of school counsellors who are employed or contracted by the NHS Board in each year since 2010.

3. School Nurses

Please provide details on the total number of school nurses who are employed or contracted by the NHS Board for primary and secondary schools. Please also include in this information the total number, and/or FTE, of schools nurses employed or contracted by the local authority in each year since 2010.

Response

1. Mental Health Link Worker

- i) 3 workers; 2 WTE + 0.7 WTE; Total 2.7 WTE
- ii) Responsibility for 9 secondary schools
- iii) Job title – Community Mental Health Worker
- iv) Role description:
 - Liaison, consultation and joint working with Education, Social Work, Primary Care and Voluntary Sector staff
 - Lead responsibility for training delivery in locality
 - Assessment, treatment and advocacy for a defined caseload of appropriate (Tier 2) referrals
 - Referral of appropriate cases to Child & Adolescent Mental Health or other Services
 - The duties of the post will be divided between direct clinical work with a caseload as well as Consultation and training to Education, Social Work and Primary Care Staff. Appropriate cases will identified through discussion with other professionals within the locality teams. The post holder will work closely with the identified key worker
 - To contribute to the delivery of integrated services within the locality

2. School Counsellors

There are no School Counsellors employed by NHS Borders.

3. School Nurse s

2012: 7.4 WTE school nurses

2017: 15 nurses working within schools in NHS Borders – Total of 8.8 WTE -
10 x Band 6 - 6.2 WTE and 5 x Band 5 - 2.6 WTE

We do not have any nurses working within schools contracted by the local authority.

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 **149-17** 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.