

## Freedom of Information request 151-17

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### Request

1. We need to know whether there was a cluster of MRSA cases affecting the ward, or any other surgical patients, which were investigated as part of an outbreak during April, May or June 2014.
2. We need the Infection Control Team records from 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014 together with a complete set of medical microbiology laboratory results in date order.

### Clarification of Request Received:

Many thanks for your email. I can confirm that this request is specific to the one patient named in our letter to you of 14 March. We look forward to receiving the documentation in due course.

### Response

1. NHS Borders had no outbreak of MRSA in surgical wards during this period.
2. Please note the data specific to the patient will be provided to you by our Medico-Legal Team under the Access to Health Records Act.

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](mailto: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 **151-17** 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.