

Freedom of Information request 168-17

Request

Could the health board provide the number of GP surgeries which have closed in each year since 1999.

For each year could the health board also provide the total number of GP surgeries.

Response

Please find below details of the GP surgeries within NHS Borders as per request:

1999 to 2004	23 Practices
2005 to 2007	24 Practices (split of Leader to Earlston and Stow & Lauder Practices)
2008 to 2009	25 Practices (split of Duns to Duns Group and Duns Partnership)
2010	24 Practices (merger of Duns Partnership and Chirnside)
2011 to present	23 Practices (closure of Lauder Memorial)

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 **168-17** 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.