

Freedom of Information request 181-17

Request

I'm looking to submit an FOI request with the following questions:

- How many health buildings under NHS Borders have been identified under the 'Risk-Based Assurance Following Edinburgh Schools Masonry Wall Construction Defects' report?
- What are the names of health buildings which have been identified?
- In a statement from Shona Robison we were told "intrusive surveys would often require a ward or facility to be closed". Therefore, how many wards or facilities are to be closed?
- What are the names of those wards/facilities?
- How long will the full process of these safety checks take?

Response

Following the initial risk assessment criteria advised by Scottish Futures Trust all NHS Borders buildings were visually inspected. No structural defects were noted.

On receipt of further guidance from SFT intrusive surveys were carried out on 3 buildings, East Brig, Galashiels Health Centre and Kelso Health Centre,.

The number of wall ties in East Brig was found to be less than anticipated.

This defect was remedied without decanting the building.

All NHS Borders buildings are deemed to be satisfactory.

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 **181-17** 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.