

Freedom of Information request 188-17

Request

1. Please list the names of any public buildings (including but not limited to: hospitals, health centres, care homes, waste management facilities) which have been built since 1996 and where potentially dangerous defects have been found between 1 April 2007 and 1 April 2017. This would NOT include expected, minor wear and tear maintenance work;
2. Please detail what these defects were and what disruption to services they caused (please provide all relevant documents including but not limited to building surveys, emails, memos and reports), when they were reported, when the fixes were completed and at what cost to your organisation;
3. Please list when the construction of each building listed in part one of this request was completed and how it was financed i.e. PPP/NPD/DBFM/capital funded.

Response

1. NHS Borders does not have any properties which it considers to be potentially dangerous however in the case of East Brig, Galashiels a defect has been identified.
2. The numbers of wall ties in a gable end of a two storey building were found to be less than the requisite number anticipated. There was no disruption to the service whilst this defect was remedied. Total cost to remedy £19,121.
3. In the year 2000 and was capital funded.

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 **188-17** 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.