

Freedom of Information request 239-17

Request

Below is my request:

1. How many Gaelic speaking members of staff so you have?
2. How many members of staff do you have who use Gaelic in the workplace?
3. Are you offering staff members training in Gaelic and if so, (i) how many are currently receiving training or lessons and (ii) in which departments?
4. How much has been spent on Gaelic training/lessons each of the last five financial years?
5. What is the health board's budget for Gaelic this financial year? Including work on the Gaelic Language Plan.
6. Do you offer any Gaelic services for members of the public who speak Gaelic? (i) if so could you please list these?

Response

1. This data is not held, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide.
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3. NHS Borders do not offer training in Gaelic for staff members.
4. There has been no spend on Gaelic training in the last 5 years.
5. There is no budget for Gaelic, as there has been no identified need for this.
6. There is no specific service although we do have an Interpretation and Translation service which can be accessed by Gaelic speaking members of the public.

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 **239-17** 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.