

Freedom of Information request 255-17

Request

I am a researcher at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow looking for numbers for the following for the Borders NHS region. I have already contacted NHS Scotland with a Freedom of Information request, but was advised that the information I am looking for is held by the individual regions. If possible, I am looking for numbers for the following:

- Total number of people registered having hair loss?
- Do you have a breakdown of this in terms of the type of alopecia? Ideally I am looking for numbers for the following areas, although I appreciate as not all of these are medical conditions you may not have numbers for all:
 - o Alopecia areata, totalis and universalis
 - o Discoid lupus erythematosus
 - o Folliculitis decalvans
 - o Lichen Planus Follicularis (LPF)
 - o Frontal fibrosing
 - o Telogen effluvium
 - o Trichotillomania (TMM)
 - o Traction alopecia
 - o Central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia (CCCA)
 - o Tinea capitis
 - o Androgenetic alopecia
 - o Alopecia senilis
- Do you have numbers regarding the number of people suffering chemically induced alopecia (i.e. as a result of chemotherapy)

Response

NHS Borders do not collate this information routinely or hold it electronically. This may be available in a patient's notes but this would require a manual trawl of all records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore we are not required to provide.

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 **255-17** 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.