

Freedom of Information request 262-17

Request

I am writing to you to request information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to know:

1. Between 2012 and 2017, how many doctors were suspended under your health board?
 - a. This includes those who are still currently suspended.
2. Can I have these figures broken down into calendar years? I.e. 5 suspensions in 2013, 6 suspensions in 2014.
 - b. If you could highlight those that crossed over into several years i.e. 2013/2014, that would be helpful.
3. Can I also have these numbers broken down into job-group, i.e. surgeon, consultant etc.

With regards to the above questions, can you also tell me:

4. What were the reasons behind each suspension?
5. How long has each individual been/was each individual suspended for?
6. How many individuals continued with their original roles after their suspension ended?
7. How much money was spent on locum doctors filling in during their time away?

Response

1. Between 2012 and 2017 one doctor has been suspended.
2. This was in 2013/14.
3. This was a Speciality Registrar.
4. Due to GMC restriction and to conduct investigation.
5. The individual was suspended for 6 months between October 2013-June 2014.
6. None, did not return to original role.
7. The approx cost of cover in out of hours rota gaps was £25,900.

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 **262-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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