

Freedom of Information request 327-17

Request

1. To provide number of consultant vacancies
2. To provide the number of GPs taking early retirement from 2015/16 to date
3. To provide the number of consultants taking early retirement 2015/16 to date
4. To provide number of the nurses taking early retirement 2015/16 to date
5. To provide the number of GPs who take early retirement and went on to become locums from 2015/16 to current date

Response

1. This data is available on the ISD website at:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/data-tables2017.asp>

Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

2. This information is not available to the Board, as GPs are independent contractors. Therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held.
3. No consultants have taken early retirement (age 59 yrs or younger) from 2015/16 to date.
4. There were <5 nurses who took early retirement from 2015/16 to date.
5. This information is not available to the Board, as Practices are independent contractors. Therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held.

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 **327-17** 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.

