

Freedom of Information request 357-17

Request & Response

1. How many beds are there in hospitals in your Health Board? If your Health Board comprises of different hospitals, please give the breakdown for each hospital?

Borders General Hospital (BGH) – 274 beds
Hawick Community Hospital – 23 beds
Haylodge Hospital, Peebles – 23 beds
Kelso Community Hospital – 23 beds
Knoll Hospital, Duns – 18 beds
Mental Health Inpatient Units – 63 beds

2. A) Does your Health Board have a nutrition support team?

Yes

- B) If so, does the nutrition support team cover all hospital beds within your Health Board?

Covers inpatient and outpatient referrals

- C) What is your nutrition team's involvement in ITU?

The Nutrition Team attends ITU as requested – usually with regards to NG tube issues, to place a bridle or to assess for PEG insertion.

- D) Which major GI surgical procedures are performed in your hospital?
Oesophagogastric resections
Pancreatic resections
Surgery for advanced rectal cancer eg ELAPE

None of these procedures are carried out in NHS Borders, referrals would be made to tertiary centre ie Western General Hospital or Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (NHS Lothian).

3. If your Health Board comprises of different hospitals, is there a nutrition support team at each hospital or does one nutrition team cover all hospitals?

The Nutrition Support Team covers all hospitals.

4. If you have a nutrition support team in your Health Board, please indicate their role:

Advisory only

Direct patient contact when required

Ward round once (or less) per week

Ward round more than once per week

If you have more than 1 nutrition team in different sites, please complete for each team

The role is mainly advisory with direct patient contact when required.

5. What is the remit of the nutrition support team?

SITE NAME	Inpatient PN	Inpatient EN	Home PN	Home EN
BGH	Advisory	Advisory	N/A	Advisory
Hawick	N/A	Advisory	N/A	Advisory
Haylodge	N/A	Advisory	N/A	Advisory
Kelso	N/A	Advisory	N/A	Advisory
Knoll	N/A	Advisory	N/A	Advisory

6. Please state the number of staff, WTE (Referring to nutrition) and banding/grade for each discipline in the nutrition team:
If you have more than 1 nutrition support team in different sites, please complete a table for each team

SITE NAME	Number	WTE for nutrition team	Banding/grade
Nutrition nurse (GI Specialist Nurse)	1	N/A	
Dietitian	1	N/A	
Pharmacist	0		
Gastroenterologist	1	N/A	
Surgeon	0		
Chemical pathologist	0		
ITU doctor	0		

There is no dedicated time for nutrition support as this is adhoc for the team.

7. Please state when the nutrition support team(s) were formed at each hospital (take into account any mergers or changes within the Trust)

The Nutrition Support Team was formed in NHS Borders in approximately 2010.

8. If your Health Board does not have a nutrition support team, has there been a business case put forward at any stage for such a team to develop? (often this is around a business case for a nutrition nurse specialist)

Not applicable.

9. A) Do you have a nutrition steering committee in your Health Board?

In NHS Borders there is a multidisciplinary Food, Fluid & Nutritional Care (FFNC) Steering Group – the work of this group is to achieve the standards set out in FFNC and Complex Nutritional Care Standards (2015).

- B) Or any other nutrition related committee?

No.

- C) If so, how does it feed information into the Health Board?

Not applicable.

10. Does your Health Board have a designated Intestinal Failure unit?

No.

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