

Freedom of Information request 360-17

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request:

1. (i) The names of the hospitals in your NHS Board which have retail premises on their hospital sites (e.g. hospitals which have WH Smith's shops in the main reception area) and (ii) the name of the retailer(s) on the hospital site.
2. The amount of rent received per year from these retailers in the last complete calendar year.
3. Whether or not the hospitals with retail premises are built under Private Finance Initiatives. In such initiatives, the hospital is paid for by the private sector (in part or full) and the hospital is then rented by the NHS from the builder/owner.
4. Whether it is your NHS Board or the PFI builder receives remuneration from this rent in each instance.

Given the slightly complex nature of the request I have created a table below to help aid in your understanding of the information I am interested in and the potential information it might produce. Further I appreciate that – if it is the PFI owner which receives rent from retailers – you may not have access to these sums. If so, I would appreciate if you could still provide the other information but omitting the rental amount if it is unknown.

Hospital Name	Retailer Name	Retailer Rent per Year	PFI-built hospital?	Hospital/PFI Owner receives rent?
Hospital A	Retailer 1	£X	No	Hospital
Hospital A	Retailer 2	£X	Yes	PFI Owner
Hospital B	No retailers have premises on site			

Response

Please find below details of hospitals in NHS Borders that have retail premises on site:

Hospital Name	Retailer Name	Retailer Rent per Year	PFI-built hospital?	Hospital/PFI Owner receives rent?
Borders General Hospital	Royal Voluntary Service – Charitable Organisation	£29,000	No	Hospital

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 **360-17** 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.